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PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE GRAND CHAPTER
OF
Royal Arch Masons
OF CANADA,

From its Formation, on the 20th Jan., A.I., 2387, A.D., 1857,

TO THE

SECOND ANNUAL CONVOCATION, HELD AT THE
CITY OF LONDON, C.W.,

On the third Wednesday, the 16th day of February, A. D., 1859.



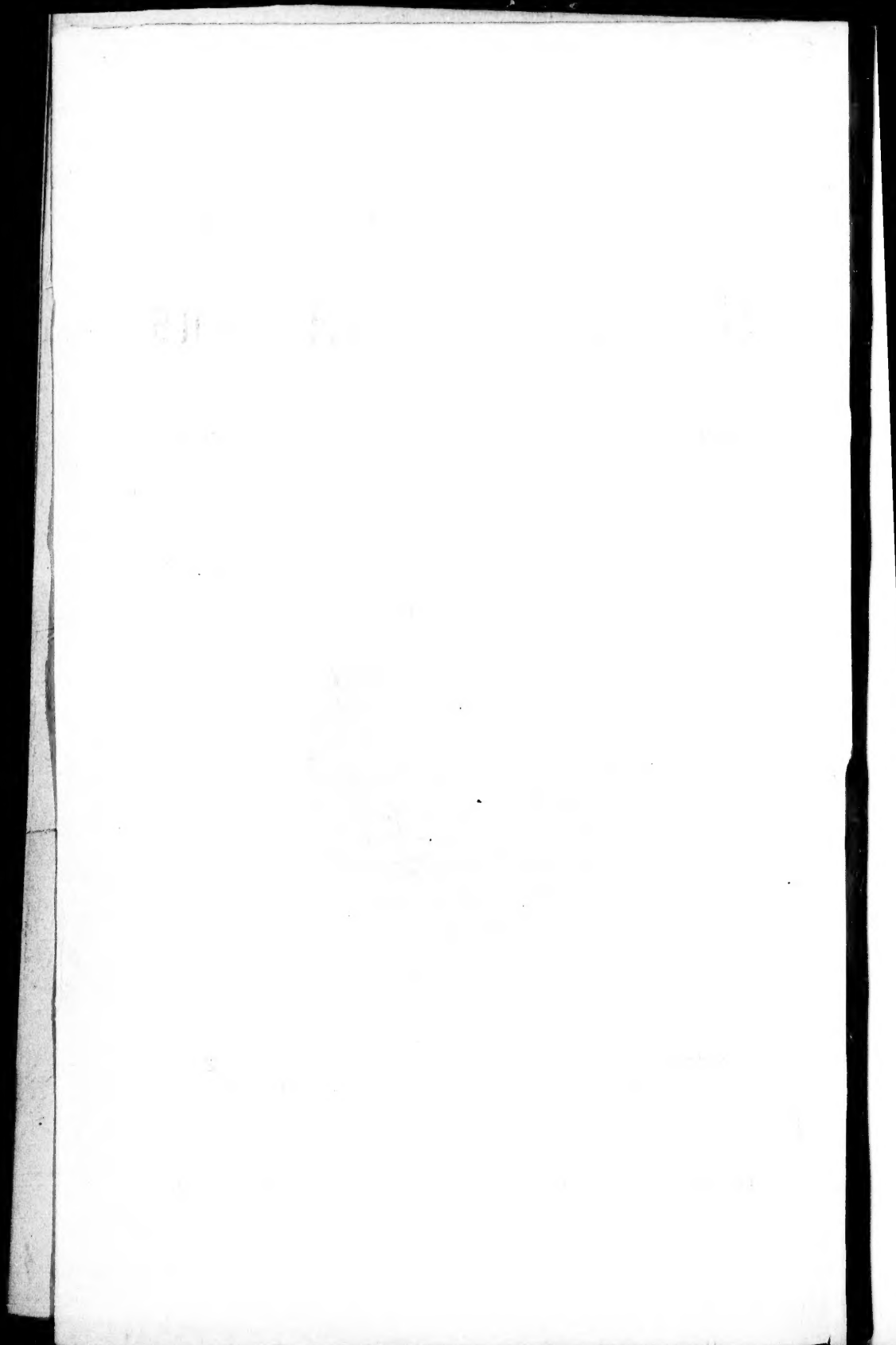
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ADDRESS :

THOMAS DOUGLAS HARINGTON, TORONTO, GRAND Z.
THOMAS BIRD HARRIS, HAMILTON, G. SCRIBE, E.

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PROCEEDINGS OF A CONVENTION
OF
Royal Arch Masons of Canada,
HELD
IN THE MASONIC HALL, HAMILTON,

On the 19th day of January, A.D. 1859.

At a Convention of Delegates from the Chapters of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held at the City of Hamilton, on Monday the 19th day of January, A. I. 2387, A. D. 1857, convened by a Circular, for the purpose of considering the present state of Royal Arch Masonry in the Province of Canada and to decide upon and take the necessary steps for its future welfare and prosperity,—

The following Representatives from duly warranted Chapters were

PRESENT.

E. Comp. Kivas Tully, Past Z., St. John's Chapter, Toronto.
" Thomas Duggan, P. Z., The Hiram Chapter, Hamilton.
" Charles Magill, Past Z., " "
" John Harris, Z., " "
" Thos. B. Harris, Z., St. John's Chapter, "
Comp. W. C. Stephens.
" Richard Bull.
" Wm. M. Wilson.

It was, on motion, unanimously Resolved—

That Companion, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Col. William M. Wilson, take the Chair, and

That E. Companion C. Magill, Past Z., be requested to act as Secretary to the Convention.

The Convention having been thus constitutionally organised, and the subject for which it had been called having been introduced by Companion the Most Worshipful Grand Master, after mature deliberation, the following Preamble was unanimously adopted :—

PREAMBLE.

That the absence in the Province of a supreme authority for regulating the affairs of Royal Arch Masonry, having long been attended with serious inconveniences to the Order, and the Grand Lodge of Canada having been legally and constitutionally established on a firm and permanent basis,—

BE IT RESOLVED,—

To recommend to an adjourned meeting of Royal Arch Masons, to be held on Tuesday the 20th instant, at the Masonic Hall in the said City of Hamilton, with the concurrence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Canada, at once to proceed in the establishment of a Grand Royal Arch Chapter for Canada, on the following conditions :

That the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England be adopted, *mutatis mutandis*, as its Constitution, and be taken as the guide in the arrangement of the various offices of this Grand Chapter, with the following reservations :—

That the principle established by the Grand Lodge of Canada of making the principal offices annually elective, be adopted by this Grand Chapter.

That in order to assimilate with the usages of Royal Arch

Masonry in the United States, the three degrees not recognized by the Grand Chapter of England, viz :

The Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master Masons degrees, shall be taken by all persons, to entitle them to be admitted to membership in any Chapter under this jurisdiction, but that Royal Arch Masons who may have taken their degrees in any regularly warranted Chapter under any other jurisdiction, may be admitted as visitors to any Chapter in this Province, when working in the Royal Arch degree, or in any degree which such visitor may have taken under a regularly warranted Lodge or Chapter, and that in conformity with the foregoing recommendation, the M.W., the Grand Master, be the First Grand Principal, Z., or the R.W. D. G. M., be the Second Grand Principal, H., the other Officers being left to the discretion of the Convention.

The Meeting adjourned, to meet at six o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

The Convention re-assembled at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, January the 20th, 1857, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The following Chapters were duly represented :—

THE HIRAM CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

E. Comp. Thos. Duggan, P. Z.
 “ “ C. Magill, “ “

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

E. Comp. Thomas Francis, Z.
 “ “ Joseph F. Rolfe, P. Z.
 “ William Daniell, H.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, Z.
 “ J. R. Holden, H.

E. Comp. Kivas Tully, P. Z.

COMPANIONS — W. C. Stephens, W. M. Wilson, Richard Bull, James Riddell, Henry Grist, J. M. Rogerson, Mills, Harley, and others.

The Convention was presided over by E. Companion Thos. Duggan, P. 1st P. Z., who called on the Secretary to read the Circular issued to the various Chapters in the Province.

The proceedings of the preceding evening were read, and unanimously adopted.

It was, on motion, Resolved,

That the Title of the Grand Chapter shall be—

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons OF CANADA.

It was, on motion, Resolved,—

That a Grand Chapter be, and is hereby declared established on the Constitution recommended in the Minutes of the Convention of Royal Arch Masons, now read.

It was, on motion, Resolved,—

That the Grand Chapter do proceed to the election of Grand Officers to hold Office till their successors are elected, invested and installed.

The following Companions were declared duly elected :

M. E. Comp.	W. M. Wilson,	Grand	Z.
R. “	“	A. Bernard,	“ H.
R. “	“	Thos. Duggan,	“ J.
“ “	“	Thos. B. Harris,	“ Scribe, E.
“ “	“	Wm. Daniell,	“ “ N.
“ “	“	Wm. Bellhouse,	“ Treasurer.
“ “	“	J. Morrison,	“ Janitor.

It was, on motion, Resolved,—

That the following be a Committee to make the necessary arrangements for the installation, and for conducting all other matters that may be required for the proper management of all business connected with the Grand Chapter :—

E. Companions Thomas B. Harris, Thomas Duggan and Comp. Richard Bull.

It was, on motion, Resolved,—

That the amount to be paid for a Dispensation, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada, shall be Forty Dollars, and for a Chapter Warrant, an additional sum of Ten Dollars.

It was, on motion, Resolved,—

That no Candidate shall be exalted for a less consideration than Twenty Dollars, in any Chapter under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

The Convention adjourned till such time as arrangements had been perfected for the consecration of the Grand Chapter, and the installation of the Grand Officers elect.

APRIL 2nd, 1857.

The Convention of Royal Arch Masons re-assembled at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Hamilton, on the 2nd day of April, A.D. 1857, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT :

E. Companion Thomas Duggan, presiding.

Comp. Thos. B. Harris.	Comp. William Bellhouse.
" W. M. Wilson.	" William T. Thomas.
" S. B. Campbell.	" Henry Grist.
" C. Kelly.	" F. J. Rastrick.
" J. B. Mathews.	" W. A. Harley.
" J. E. Smith.	" Edmund Kelly.
" Col. Whitehead.	" J. Taylor.
" J. M. Rogerson.	" — Shears.
" James Riddell.	" T. C. Prosser.
" R. A. Woodcock.	" A. De Grassi.
" J. W. Baine.	" J. Hodgson.
" John Austin.	" G. L. Allen.
" W. C. Morrison.	" William Irwin.
" J. McKeown.	" Joseph A. Fisher.
" Isaac Chillman.	" W. C. Stephens.

And a number of Brethren.

The Committee appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the installation of the Grand Officers elect, of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada,

REPORTED,—

That M. E. Companion Czar Jones, Past Grand High Priest of the state of Michigan, had kindly undertaken to perform the requisite ceremonies and was now in attendance for that purpose. He was then introduced by the Committee, and took his seat in the East, and duly installed and invested the following Grand Officers elect, in their respective offices :—

M. E. Comp.	W. M. Wilson,	Grand	Z.
R. “	“	A. Bernard,	“ H.
“ “	“	Thomas Duggan,	“ J.
“ “	“	Thos. B. Harris,	“ Scribe, E.
“ “	“	Wm. Daniell,	“ “ N.
“ “	“	W. Bellhouse,	“ Treasurer.
“	J. Morrison,	“	Janitor.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was then proclaimed by the Grand Marshall duly installed, and the Grand Officers invested with the usual Masonic honors.

The Grand Chapter was closed in ample form, with solemn prayer.

THOS. B. HARRIS,
G. Scribe, E.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Convocation, of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held at the City of Montreal, on the 9th day of July, A.D. 1857.

PRESENT :

M. E. Comp.	William M. Wilson,	Grand	Z.
R. " "	A. Bernard,	"	H.
" " "	Thomas Duggan,	"	J.
	on the Throne.		
" " "	Thomas B. Harris,	"	Scribe, E.
" " "	William Bellhouse,	"	Treasurer.
"	J. Hannah,	"	Janitor.

E. Comp.	C. Magill.	E. Comp.	Kivas Tully.
"	A. S. Abbott.	"	Richard Bull.
E. "	G. L. Allen.	"	S. B. Campbell.
"	James Moffatt.	E. "	Thompson Wilson.
E. "	J. Rolfe.	"	J. E. Smith.
"	Edward Garratt.	"	D. Brown.
"	W. H. Miller.	"	J. Scott.

Visiting Companion M. Mitchell, Lafayette Chapter, Vermont.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, with solemn prayer.

The proceedings at the Convention were read, and, on motion, confirmed.

It was moved by R. E. Companion Thos. Duggan, seconded by E. Companion Kivas Tully, and unanimously Resolved,—

That E. Companion Michael Furnell, of North Munster, Ireland, be constituted an honorary member of this Grand Chapter.

It was, on motion, Resolved,—

That the M. E. Grand Z. be requested to name a Committee for the purpose of drafting a suitable address, the same to be sent to all the Grand Chapters.

The M. E. Grand Z., nominated R. E. Companions T. B. Harris, W. C. Stephens and Thos. Duggan such Committee.

It was, on motion, Resolved,—

That the M. E. Grand Z, be requested to name a Committee to amend the constitution.

M. E. Grand Z, appointed the following Companions to the one already named :—

E. Comp. Kivas Tully, Campbell and Allen, of Toronto.

“ T. Wilson and J. Rolfe, of London.

and to report at the first Special Emergency.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, when the following were duly elected.

M. E. Comp. W. M. Wilson, Grand Z.

R. E. “ Joseph Scott, “ H.

“ “ Thos. Duggan, “ J.

“ “ Thos. B. Harris, “ Scribe E.

“ “ Wm. Bellhouse, “ Treasurer.

“ “ J. Morrison, “ Janitor.

It was, on motion, Resolved,—

That a Warrant be issued for King Solomon's Chapter, Toronto.

The M. E. Grand Z. intimated that an Especial Emergency would be held at the City of London.

The Grand Officers elect were then installed according to ancient form.

The Grand Chapter was closed in ample form, with solemn prayer.

THOS. B. HARRIS,
G. Scribe, E.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of
Canada, held at the City of London, on the 8th day of October,
1857.

PRESENT.

M. E. Comp.	Wm. M. Wilson,	Grand Z.
R. E.	" Thompson Wilson,	as " H.
" "	" Thos. Duggan,	" J.
	on the Throne.	
"	Thos. B. Harris,	" Scribe E.
"	James Daniell,	" " N.
"	Thos. Francis,	" Principal Sojourner.
"	Kivas Tully,	" 1st Assist. "
"	Wm. Muir,	" 2nd " "
	Thos. McMullen,	" Janitor.

Comp. George Taylor.	Comp. Thomas Allen.
" George Perkins.	" J. W. Scobell.
" W. C. L. Gill.	" William G. Chambers.
" P. Worthington.	" J. M. MacKenzie
" Thomas Thomas.	" D. McInnes.
" A. S. Abbott.	" William Daniell.
" John Keary.	" William Gordon.
" J. Smith.	" W. Hayforth.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, with solemn prayer.

The M. E. Grand Z. informed the Grand Chapter that he had summoned them together for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Committees on Address and Constitution, and to proceed with all unfinished business.

The Grand Scribe, E., read the Minutes of an Especial Convocation held at Montreal, which were on motion confirmed.

The Committee appointed at the last convocation, for the purpose of drafting an address to be forwarded to all the Grand Chapters, submit the following

ADDRESS:

To the Most Excellent Grand Chiefs, the Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons:

WE, the Grand Principals, Grand Officers, and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, with fraternal regards,

SEND GREETING:

IN accordance with ancient usage, and earnestly desirous of cultivating and cementing those feelings of fraternal union, the practice of which has not only rendered our Order illustrious throughout the world, but has also ensured its permanency and efficiency, the GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF CANADA feel it to be their bounden duty to prepare and forward to the recognised authorities of the Royal Craft, situated without the boundaries of this jurisdiction, a statement of the principal reasons which led to the organisation of a controlling power over Royal Arch Masonry in this Province, and at the same time to communicate to them the fact of such organisation.

The absence from our Chapters of that harmony and prosperity, which should ever distinguish the proceedings of Royal Arch Masons, induced many of our more zealous companions to institute a careful inquiry into the causes which had contributed to the apparent decline of the Royal Craft in Canada, and it soon became evident that this was solely to be attributed to the diversity of interests and to the want of uniformity, in work and action, existing among the various Chapters in this Province; these Bodies holding warrants from different Grand Chapters and working under different constitutions, neither assimilated in their views nor feelings; their funds were drained, and their usefulness diminished, by the transmission of the required fees to their Parent Grand Chapters, they were thus left unable to meet the claims made by distressed Companions hailing from the various Chapters of Europe and America.

In addition to these obstacles it may also be remarked, the system of work authorised by the Grand Chapter of England does not recognise the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master ; and the Chapters in this Province were thus placed in a most embarrassing situation, as the work performed by them in these several degrees was not only contrary to, but inconsistent with, the rules and regulations of that Grand Chapter ; while, on the other hand, the Chapters in the United States of America absolutely required that all visitors should have previously received these degrees before they could be admitted.

Taking these circumstances into consideration, and with a view to obviate the difficulties under which the Royal Craft labored in this Province, a Circular was addressed to the Chapters holding Warrants attached to Lodges affiliating with the Grand Lodge of Canada, requiring them to send duly qualified Representatives to a Convention, to be held at the City of Hamilton, on the 19th day of January, A.D. 1857.

The Convention having assembled at the time and place appointed and a constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their properly qualified Officers, the whole subject was taken into serious consideration and it was unanimously Resolved,—That it was expedient and necessary to establish an Independent governing power over Royal Arch Masonry in Canada.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada having thus been formed in accordance with universal usages was then duly established, a constitution requiring that the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master, should be conferred on all candidates previous to their being exalted to the Royal Arch degree, or admitted to membership, was adopted and the following Companions were elected as Grand Officers:—
M. E. Companion Wm. Mercer Wilson, Grand 1st Principal, Z. ;
R. E. Companion Dr. A. Bernard, Grand 2nd Principal, H. ;
R. E. Companion Dr. Thomas Duggan, Grand 3rd Principal, J. ;
and Comps. of ability to the other Offices of the Grand Chapter.

The Convention was again summoned to meet at Hamilton on the 2nd day of April, A.D. 1857, upon which occasion the Grand Officers elect were regularly installed and proclaimed, in Ancient form, by M. E. Companion Czar Jones, Past Grand High Priest of the State of Michigan.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada having been thus duly formed, and being engaged with yourselves in promulgating the genuine principles of the Royal Craft, and feeling, at the same time, earnestly desirous of cultivating a friendly intercourse with your distinguished body, cordially extend to you the right hand of fellowship and confidently claim from your Grand Chapter a fraternal recognition.

Signed on behalf of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada,

[L. S.] WM. M. WILSON, Z.
THOS. B. HARRIS,
G. S., E.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Constitution not being ready to make a report, asked leave to continue their deliberations, which was concurred in.

It was, on motion, Resolved,—

That the Regular Annual Convocation be held on the third Wednesday in February, in each and every year.

It was Resolved,—

That the next Special Meeting of the Grand Chapter be held on the third Wednesday in January next, at Toronto, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Committee on Constitution.

The M. E. Grand Z. was pleased to make the following appointments to office for the ensuing Masonic term :—

V. E. Comp.	J. R. Rolfe,	Grand Scribe,	N.
"	"	J. E. Smith,	" Principal Sojourner.
"	"	Thos. Francis,	" 1st Assist. "
"	"	Jas. Moffatt,	" 2nd " "
"	"	John Harris,	" Sword Bearer.
"	"	S. B. Campbell,	" Dir. of Ceremonies.
"	"	J. G. McKenzie,	" Organist.
"	"	H. B. Bostwick,	" Pursuivant.

The Grand Chapter was closed in ample form, with solemn prayer.

THOS. B. HARRIS,
G. Scribe, E.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall of King Solomon's Chapter, in Toronto, on Wednesday the 20th day of January, A. D. 1858.

PRESENT.

M. E. Comp.	Wm. Mercer Wilson,	Grand Z.
R. " "	Thompson Wilson, as	" H.
" " "	Thomas Duggan,	" J.
	on the Throne.	
" " "	Thomas B. Harris,	" Scribe, E.
" " "	William Bellhouse,	" Treasurer.
	J. Hodgson,	" P. Sojourner.
	C. Pollock,	" 1st Assist. "
	H. Derbyshire,	" 2nd " "
V. " "	S. B. Campbell,	" D. Ceremonies.
	H. B. Bostwick,	" Pursuivant.
	— Clark,	" Janitor.

E. Comp. Kivas Tully.	E. Comp. J. R. Holden.
" " J. F. McCuaig.	" J. Taylor.

Visiting Comp. Drummond, Chapter, No. 8, New York City.

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented,

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form at half-past three o'clock, P. M.

The minutes of the Especial Convocation, held at London C.W., were read and confirmed.

The M. E., Grand Z., informed the Grand Chapter that they were met pursuant to a circular issued for the purpose of receiving the report of the Committee appointed to revise and amend the Constitution.

The Committee on Constitution presented and read the following

REPORT :

To the Grand Principals, and

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Your Committee, to whom was entrusted the important duty of preparing a revised draft of the Constitution, for the government of the Grand Chapter and Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in this Province, respectfully submit the following Report, accompanied by the amended Constitution.

In preparing the amended Constitution, the principal difficulty with which your Committee had to contend, was, the dissimilarity of working between that which obtains in England and the United States. The former does not acknowledge the degrees of M. M., P. M., and M. E. M., whilst the latter not only acknowledges those degrees, but considers them as essential to the proper working of a Chapter.

The Resolution of the M. E. the Grand Chapter at the emergency meeting held at London, on the 8th October last, having adopted the United States' system of working for the M. M., Past and M. E. M. degrees, which also agrees with that practiced by the Chapters in Ireland and Scotland, render the duties of your Committee distinct and clear in this respect.

At the same Meeting it was also resolved, that the presiding Officers of the Chapters should be denominated 1st, 2nd and 3rd Principals, whilst the corresponding Officers under the United States system of working, were termed H.P., K., and S. According to the English working, two Assist. Sojourners are required, whereas the office of Principal Sojourner alone is acknowledged in the U. S., working.

In order to correct this discrepancy, your Committee having fully carried out the instructions of the M. E. the Grand Chapter, recommend that the designations of Z., H., and J., should apply to the first, second and third Grand Principals, and Principals

of private Chapters, respectively, but that in every other respect the United States system of working should be followed which would include only one Principal Sojourner.

The preparation of the draft of Constitution devolved on the Toronto Section of the Committee, consisting of R. E. Comp. Tully and Allen, and V. E. Comp. Campbell; when prepared it was forwarded to Hamilton and London for their consideration, the Hamilton Section being composed of R. E. Comp. Duggan and Harris, and Comp. Stephens, and the London Section of R. E. Comp. Wilson, E. Comp. Rolfe, and Comp. Abbott.

The suggestion of the latter Sections are inscribed on the margin, some of which have been agreed to by the Toronto Section, and are submitted for the consideration of the M. E. Grand Chapter.

Your Committee, in conclusion, recommend the adoption of the accompanying Draft of Constitution, subject to the consideration of the proposed amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

KIVAS TULLY,
Chairman.

TORONTO, January 20th, 1858.

On motion, the Report was received.

The consideration of the Constitution was then considered *seriatim*.

CONSTITUTION AND GENERAL REGULATIONS

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ORDER OF

ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA.

 ESTABLISHED BY THE GRAND CHAPTER, A. I. 2388.—A. D. 1868.

[In all cases which are not specially provided for by the following Laws and Regulations, the Order of Royal Arch Masons of Canada shall be considered as bound by the Constitutions of Free and Accepted Masons, and its proceedings shall be regulated thereby, as nearly as circumstances will permit.]

THE GRAND CHAPTER.

I. The Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada rank in the following order :—

The Grand Z.

Past “ “

The “ H.

Past “ “

The “ J.

Past “ “

Grand Superintendents of Districts.

Past “ “

Grand Scribe, E.

“ “ N.

Past Grand Scribes, E. and N.

Grand Principal Sojourner.

Past “ “

Grand Treasurer.

Past “

Grand Registrar.

Past “

Grand First Assistant Sojourner.

Past " " "

Grand Second " "

Past " " "

Grand Sword Bearer.

Past " "

Grand Standard Bearer.

Past " "

Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Past " "

Grand Organist.

Past "

Associate Members.

The Three Principals of every subordinate Chapter.

Past Z., H., and J. of every subordinate Chapter.

Grand Pursuivant.

Past "

Grand Janitor.

II. The Officers of the Grand Chapter shall be respectively elected or appointed, as hereinafter provided, and hold their offices for one year, or until their successors shall have been regularly elected or appointed, and installed.

The election and appointment of all officers shall take place at the Annual Convocation, when all officers of the Grand Chapter shall be duly installed and invested in ancient form.

III. The following Officers shall be elected, viz. :

By ballot of the Grand Chapter,—

The Most Excellent Grand Z.

The Right Excellent, Grand H.

The " " " J.

The Grand Scribes, E. and N.

" " Principal Sojourner.

" " Treasurer.

" " Registrar.

By an open vote of the Grand Chapter,—

The Grand Janitor.

By the Representatives of the Chapters of their respective Districts present at the Annual Convocation, subject to the confirmation of the Grand Z.—

The Right Excellent the Grand Superintendents of Districts.

IV. The following officers shall be appointed by the Grand Z.

The V. E. Grand First Assistant Sojourner.

“ “ “ Second Assistant Sojourner.

“ “ “ Sword Bearer.

“ “ “ Standard Bearer.

“ “ “ Director of Ceremonies.

“ “ “ Organist.

“ “ “ Pursuivant.

Four “ “ Stewards.

V. The elective officers, except the Janitor, to be chosen by ballot, shall require a majority of all the votes present.

VI. Should neither of the Representative Officers, or Past Z. of a Chapter, attend any Convocation of the Grand Chapter, such Chapter, by a vote properly certified by the First Principal and Scribe, E., under seal, may delegate any Companion entitled to a seat in the Grand Chapter to represent their Chapter, but no Companion can represent more than three Chapters.

VII. The Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Wardens for the time being, provided they are companions of the Order, on account of their rank in the Craft, shall be Associate Members of the Grand Chapter.

VIII. Every Companion, elected or appointed to office in the Grand Chapter, shall, during his period of office, be a subscribing Member of some regular subordinate Chapter; and any Past Grand Officer or Member, (who shall for twelve months continuously cease to be a subscribing Member of some subordinate Chapter) shall be disqualified from attending the Grand Chapter—such disqualification to continue until he shall have again become and continue to be a subscribing Member of some regular subordinate Chapter.

IX. Should a vacancy occur in any office of the Grand Chapter,

the Grand Z. shall nominate a qualified Companion to supply the place, *pro tempore*.

X. The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter shall be held on the third Wednesday in February, at which the place of holding the next Convocation shall be decided.

XI. The Grand Z. may convene Grand Chapters of Emergency when necessary. The reason for convening a Chapter of Emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting.

XII. The Grand Director of Ceremonies shall, at every meeting of the Grand Chapter, attend without the entrance for the purpose of guarding under the superintendence of the Grand Pursuivant, against the admission of any but those who are qualified, and have their proper clothing and jewels, and have signed their names to the accustomed papers, and are, in all respects entitled to admission.

XIII. If, at any Grand Chapter, stated or occasional, any of the Grand Principals be absent, the chair shall be filled by the Grand Officer next in rank and seniority who may be present, provided he be an installed Present or Past First Principal of any regular subordinate Chapter.

XIV. An annual Report of the transactions of the Grand Chapter, with an account of the funds and property belonging to it, shall be printed without delay and transmitted to every Member of the Grand Chapter, and to every subordinate Chapter, immediately after the general Convocation in February.

XV. When the Grand Lodge, or any other competent authority in the Craft, shall suspend or expel any Brother who is a Royal Arch Mason, the Grand Chapter shall immediately, on such suspension or expulsion being communicated to it by the Grand Principals, or any of them, proceed to consider and decide whether such Companion shall be suspended or expelled from his Arch-Masonic functions for the period whilst such Craft suspension or expulsion continues in force.

XVI. Should any Chapter have neglected to make its returns and payments to the Grand Chapter for the space of one year, the Principals and Past Principals of such Chapter shall not be

permitted to attend any meeting of the Grand Chapter until such returns and payments have been completed.

XVII. Companions of eminence and ability, who have rendered service to the Craft, may, by a vote of the Grand Chapter, be constituted Members of the Grand Chapter, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper.

REGULATIONS

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GRAND CHAPTER, DURING THE TIME OF
PUBLIC BUSINESS.

Which are to be read at every Convocation thereof.

I. The Grand Chapter being opened, and the Regulations having been read, the Minutes of the last Annual Convocation, and of any intervening Grand Chapter, are then to be put for confirmation; then any communications from the Grand Principals, or any of them, shall be read and proceeded with; and then any reports from any Committee shall be read; after which, the other business shall be regularly proceeded with.

II. All matters are to be decided by a majority of votes, each Chapter having three votes, and each Past First Principal one vote; each Officer and Member of the Grand Chapter, (except the Grand Janitor) not otherwise entitled to vote, shall have one vote, and the presiding Officer one vote, and in case of a tie he shall also have a casting vote; unless the Grand Chapter, for the sake of expedition, shall think proper to leave any particular subject to the determination of the presiding Officer. The votes of the Members are to be signified by each holding out one of his hands, which hands the Grand Scribes are to count, unless the presiding Officer shall declare the numbers so unequal as to render the counting unnecessary.

III. Whenever the presiding officer shall call to order, there shall be general silence.

IV. All Members shall keep their seats, except the Grand Scribes, the Principal Sojourner, and the Grand Director of

Ceremonies, who are allowed to move about from place to place in the discharge of their duties.

V. No Companion shall speak twice to the same question, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply.

VI. Every Companion who speaks shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the presiding officer; and no Companion shall interrupt him, except to speak to order, or the presiding Officer to call him to order; but after he has been set right he may proceed, if he observe due order and decorum.

VII. If any Member shall have been twice called to order by the presiding Officer, and shall, nevertheless, be guilty of a third offence at the same meeting, the presiding Officer shall command him forthwith to quit the Grand Chapter, and he shall not be again admitted to that meeting.

VIII. Whoever shall be so unmasonic as to hiss at a Companion, or at what he has said, shall be forthwith solemnly excluded the Convocation, and declared incapable of being a Member of any Grand Chapter till, at another Grand Convocation, he publicly own his fault, and grace be granted.

IX. That no motion for the repeal or alteration of any existing law, or for the introduction of a new one, shall be made, without notice being given in a previous Grand Chapter.

OF GRAND OFFICERS.

I. The Grand Z. shall be elected and installed, according to ancient usage, at the annual Convocation. He is then to nominate such of his Grand Officers as it is his prerogative to appoint, and, with the elective Grand Officers, to be thereupon installed and invested in ancient form.

II. No Companion shall fill the office of a Grand Principal for more than three consecutive years, but he may be re-elected after the expiration of the following year.

III. Should the Grand Z., die during his term of office, or be rendered incapable of discharging the duties, by sickness, absence or otherwise, the Grand H., or in his absence the Grand J., or in

their absence the Grand Superintendent of the District shall assemble the Grand Chapter immediately to record the event; which Grand Chapter shall appoint three of its members to invite the immediate Past First Grand Principal to act until a new election takes place. Should he decline, or be unable to act, the last but one, and so on; if no former Grand Z., be found to act, the Grand Chapter shall be summoned to elect a Grand Z.

IV. The Grand Z., under the sanction of the Grand Chapter, may, by warrant, appoint any Companion of eminence and skill to represent the Grand Chapter in a sister Grand Chapter; he may also constitute the Representative of a Sister Grand Chapter a Member of the Grand Chapter of Canada, with such rank as the Grand Chapter may deem to be appropriate.

OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS.

I. The Grand Superintendent for each District, as defined by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada, seven in number, shall be nominated by the Chapters in that District, and confirmed by the Grand Z., at the annual Convocation, and, if present, regularly invested.

He must be an installed First Principal, or a Past First Principal, and a resident in the District for which he is appointed.

This Officer is invested with a rank and power, in his particular District, in the absence of the Grand Principals, similar to those of the Grand Principals themselves.

II. He may preside in every Chapter he visits within his District.

III. He may hear and determine any subjects of Masonic complaint or irregularity respecting Chapters or individual Companions within his District, and may proceed to admonition, or to suspension, until the decision of the Grand Chapter shall be made known thereon. A minute of all such proceedings, stating the offence and the law applicable to it, together with his decision is to be transmitted to the Grand Chapter, through the Grand Scribe, E., and when the case is of so flagrant a nature, as in the judgment of the Grand Superintendent of the District to require

the erasure of a chapter, or the expulsion of a companion, he shall make a special report to the Grand Chapter with his opinion thereon.

IV. The Grand Superintendent of the District may summon any Chapter or Companion, within his District to attend him, and to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of such Chapter, or the certificate of such Companion.

If the summons be not complied with, nor a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued ; and, in case of contumacy, the circumstances are to be reported to the Grand Chapter, who may suspend the chapter or companion, as before provided.

V. All petitions for warrants to be recommended and duly signed by the Grand Superintendent of the District, prior to their transmission to the Grand Scribe, E., whose duty it shall be to see that such recommendation and signature are duly attached to each petition.

VI. The Grand Superintendent of each District is required to report to the Grand Chapter, at its annual Convocation, on the condition of Masonry in his district, with a list of such Chapters as may have been constituted since the last annual Convocation, at least fourteen days previous to the next annual Convocation.

VII. He has power to give or refuse consent for the removal of a Chapter from Town to Town within his District, but not from his District into another, or from another District into his own, without the sanction of the Grand Chapter.

GRAND SCRIBES, E. AND N.

I. All ministerial duties, and all privileges attached to the office of Grand Scribe, are to be performed and enjoyed exclusively by the Grand Scribe, E., who shall be an installed First Principal, or Past First Principal of a regular subordinate Chapter.

II. The Grand Scribe, N., to assist the Grand Scribe, E., during the business of the annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

OF GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER, TREASURER, REGISTRAR, FIRST AND SECOND ASSISTANT SOJOURNERS, SWORD BEARER, STANDARD BEARER, DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, ORGANIST, PURSUIVANT AND JANITOR.

I. The duties of the above Officers of the Grand Chapter correspond with those of similar Officers, as prescribed in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Grand Principal Sojourner acting in the Grand Chapter in a similar capacity to that of Grand Senior Deacon in the Grand Lodge.

II. The Grand First and Second Assistant Sojourners, Sword Bearer, Standard Bearer, Director of Ceremonies, Organist and Pursuivant, being appointed by the First Grand Principal, may be selected from amongst the Companions of the regular subordinate Chapters, though not installed First Principals, or Past First Principals of such Chapters.

GOVERNMENT OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

I. The Grand Chapter of Canada shall have the sole government and superintendence of the several Royal Arch Chapters, and Lodges of Most Excellent, Past and Mark Master Masons, within the Province; to assign the limits of the several Districts, and settle controversies that may happen between them; and shall have power under seal and the sign manual of the Grand Principals, attested by the Grand Scribe, E., and Grand Registrar, to constitute new Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, and Lodges of Most Excellent, Past and Mark Master Masons, within the Province.

II. The Grand Z. shall have the power and authority, whenever he shall deem it expedient, during the recess of the Grand Chapter, to grant a Dispensation under his hand, and attested by the Grand Scribe, E., under the seal of the Grand Chapter, upon the petition of nine regular registered Royal Arch Masons, empowering them to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and Lodges of Most Excellent, Past and Mark Master Masons, for a certain specified time, provided the said term of time shall not extend beyond the next convocation of the Grand Chapter, when

the Grand Chapter may confirm the said Dispensation, or grant the petitioners a Warrant of Constitution.

III. A fee of forty dollars shall be paid for every Dispensation, and ten dollars in addition for every Warrant of Constitution.

OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

I. All legally constituted assemblies of Royal Arch Masons are called Chapters, as regular bodies of Mark Masters, Past Masters and Most Excellent Masters are called Lodges. Every Chapter ought to assemble for work at least once in every three months, and should consist of three Principals, three Sojourners, two Scribes and a Janitor, to which, for the better working of the Chapter, may be added other Officers.

II. Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons throughout this jurisdiction shall have a Warrant of Constitution from the Grand Chapter, and no Chapter shall be deemed legal without such Warrant, or a Dispensation from the Grand Z. The mode of application to be by petition, signed by nine regular and registered Royal Arch Masons, specifying the place where it is intended to hold such Chapter, the day on which it is proposed to be holden, with the names of the three intended Principals.

III. The petition is to be transmitted to the Superintendent of the District in which it is intended to hold the Chapter, for his recommendation or opinion.

IV. Every Chapter shall be solemnly consecrated, according to ancient custom, by the Grand Z., or by some present or past First Principal, delegated for that purpose by the Grand Z.

V. Every Chapter shall annually elect, by ballot, the First, Second and Third Principals, Scribes, E., and N., Principal Sojourner and Treasurer, and, by an open vote of the Chapter, the Janitor.

The First Principal shall annually appoint all the other Officers required for the better working of his Chapter, who are, with the elective Officers, to be regularly installed and invested.

VI. No Companion of any subordinate Chapter shall be eligible for the First Principal's chair until he has served in the

Second, nor to the Second until he has served in the Third, nor to the Third until he shall have served the office of Scribe, E. or N., or Principal Sojourner of some subordinate Chapter.

VII. If the numbers shall, in any case, be equal, the First Principal shall have the casting vote, or he may order a new ballot at his discretion.

VIII. A Register shall be kept by each Chapter of all Companions who shall be installed as First, Second and Third Principals; and every Chapter shall notify the Grand Scribe, E., the name of every Companion so installed, with the date of his installation, and shall also notify the Grand Scribe, E., whenever any Companion who has been installed as First, Second or Third Principal, shall, from any cause whatever, cease to be a Member of the Chapter; and no Companion shall take his seat in the Grand Chapter, as a First or Past Principal, until his name shall have been so registered.

IX. No Companion shall fill the chair of First Principal for more than three consecutive years, nor the second and third chairs, for more than two years in succession.

X. All Warrants issued for constituting Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, must also give the power to open and hold Lodges of Most Excellent, Past and Mark Master Masons, and the First Second and Third Principals of such Chapter, for the time being, shall be the Master and Wardens; the other Officers of the Chapter, according to seniority.

XI. The Officers and Companions, whilst in Chapter, shall wear the Insignia of the Order, according to their rank.

XII. In case of the absence of the First Principal, his chair shall be taken by his immediate predecessor therein, or, in his absence, by the Senior Past First Principal, and discharge the duties of the Chapter.

XIII. In case of the death or removal of a First Principal, the Chapter shall proceed to elect a new Principal in his place, giving seven clear days' notice of such election to all the Members of the Chapter.

XIV. Every Chapter shall, at least once in each year, make a return to the Grand Scribe, E., specifying the names, ages,

professions and residences, and the dates of exaltation of the Companions exalted, together with the dates of their taking the previous degrees of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Master, and shall, at the same time, remit the registering fees, and Fees for Grand Chapter Certificates, that may be due. And if any Companion, exalted in foreign parts, and whose name, therefore, is not previously registered in the books of the Grand Chapter, shall join a Chapter as a Member, his name, age, profession and Chapter shall be returned, and the same fee shall be paid as if he had been exalted in the Chapter which he may so join. The names, also, of all Companions who may join from any other Chapter must be returned, and the Chapter in which they were exalted, specified.

XV. Candidates for admission into a Chapter must be duly proposed, balloted for and approved; and no one shall be admitted if on the ballot there appear two black balls.

XVI. No Mason shall be exalted to this degree unless he has been a Master Mason for twelve calendar months at least.

XVII. No Chapter shall confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch, upon any Brother for a less sum than twenty dollars; nor the Mark Master's degree, when given alone, for a less sum than five dollars; which sums may include the fees to the Grand Chapter, for registry and certificate.

XVIII. The Registering fee to the Grand Chapter for Brethren exalted, shall be three dollars, including the fee for the certificate; and the fee for a Companion joining a Chapter, his name being previously registered, half a dollar.

XIX. Every Chapter shall have power to make such By-Laws as to them shall seem meet for their own private government, provided they be not incompatible with the general laws of the Craft, or the general statutes enacted by the Grand Chapter, and which By-Laws shall be fairly copied in a book to be kept for that purpose, and a copy thereof shall be sent to the Grand Scribe, E.

XX. Every Chapter shall be subject to erasure and forfeiture of its Charter of Constitution in either of the following cases:

Omitting to hold a Meeting of the Chapter for the space of two years.

Neglecting to make any return required by the foregoing laws.

Neglecting to register annually the names of all Companions exalted, and of those who have joined the Chapter.

But no Chapter shall be erased until the Principals thereof shall have been duly summoned to show cause to the contrary to the Grand Chapter.

REGALIA.

I. The following clothing and insignia shall be worn, and no Companion shall, on any pretence, be admitted into the Grand Chapter, or any Subordinate Chapter, without his proper clothing.

No honorary or other jewel or emblem shall be worn which shall not appertain to, or be consistent with those degrees which are recognized and acknowledged by the Grand Chapter.

II. The apron is to be of white lamb-skin, or white kid-skin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, and from twelve to fourteen inches deep, with an indented crimson and purple border two inches wide, the crimson part pointing to the center of the apron the border of the flap or lappet to be only one inch wide, in the center of the flap is to be a triangle of silk or satin, surrounded with a gold border, and within the triangle three tassels, united in gold spangled embroidery, and two gold tassels are to be suspended by ribbons two inches wide, coming from under the flap. The Present and Past Officers of the Grand Chapter alone to have the apron trimmed with gold lace.

III. The silk or satin ground of the triangle, the lining and strings of the apron, and the ribbon suspending the tassels, for Present and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter, purple, and for Principals and Past Principals, of Subordinate Chapters, crimson, and for all other Companions, white.

IV. The jewel of office worn by Past and Present Officers of the Grand Chapter, is to be suspended by a collar of three colors, viz: purple, crimson, and pale blue, four inches wide.

V. The jewel of office worn by the Principals and Officers,

and also by Past Principals of Subordinate Chapters, is to be suspended by a crimson collar four inches wide.

VI. The aprons, collars, and jewels of Officers and Members of Most Excellent, Past and Mark Master Mason's Lodges, to be similar to those worn in Craft Lodges, according to rank.

VII. The medal of the Order is to be worn on the left breast, appended according to the rank of the Companion, by a narrow ribbon, two inches wide, as follows: Present and Past Officers of the Grand Chapter, tricolor, corresponding with the collar, and the Principals and Past Principals of all Subordinate Chapters, crimson, also corresponding with the collar.

The other Officers of Subordinate Chapters, and all other Companions, white.

VIII. All jewels of this Order are to be gold or gilt.

IX. All companions are to wear the usual sash of the Order, with silk fringe at the ends, except that all Present and Past Officers of the Grand Chapter, and Present and Past Principles of Subordinate Chapters, may wear gold fringe or bullion instead of silk.

ROBES.

First Grand and First Principal, Z.

A crimson robe, trimmed with ermine.

Second Grand and Second Principal, H.

A purple robe.

Third Grand and Third Principal, J.

A blue robe.

Scribes, E. and N., of Grand and Subordinate Chapters,

White robes.

The Principal and Assistant Sojourners of Grand and Subordinate Chapters,

White robes.

Pursuivants and Janitors of Grand and Subordinate Chapters,

White robes.

JEWELS.

First Grand Principal, Z.

A crown irradiated between the legs of a pair of compasses, the points resting on a triple triangle.

Second Grand Principal, H.

The All-seeing Eye irradiated between the legs of a pair of compasses, the points resting on a triple triangle.

Third Grand Principal, J.

The volume of the Sacred Law, irradiated between the legs of a pair of compasses, the points resting on a triple triangle.

Past Grand Principals,

The jewels appertaining to their respective offices, in a circle.

Grand Superintendents of Districts,

A small triangle irradiated in a double triangle enclosed within a circle, on a triangle.

Past Grand Superintendents of Districts,

The same jewel, omitting the small triangle irradiated.

Grand Scribes, E. and N.

Cross pens with a tie, within a triangle.

Principal Sojourners of Grand and Subordinate Chapters,

A square irradiated within a triangle.

Assistant Sojourners of Grand and Subordinate Chapters,

A square within a triangle, not irradiated.

Grand Treasurer,

A key within a triangle.

Grand Registrar,

A scroll on a pen, within a triangle.

Grand Sword Bearer,

Cross swords with a tie, within a triangle.

Grand Standard Bearer,

A standard with a triple tau in the centre, within a triangle.

Grand Director of Ceremonies,

Cross wands with a wreath, within a triangle.

Grand Organist,

A harp, within a triangle.

Grand Pursuivant,

Cross swords and wand, with a coat of arms, within a triangle.

Grand Janitor,

A sword.

Grand Stewards,

A triangle.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

First Principal, Z.

A Crown, irradiated, within a triangle.

Second Principal, H.

An All-Seeing Eye, irradiated, within a triangle.

Third Principal, J.

The Volume of the Sacred Law, irradiated, within a triangle.

Past Principals,

The same, within a circle.

Officers of Subordinate Chapters,

The emblems appertaining to their office as in Grand Chapter, within a triangle.

FORMS.

For a Warrant of Constitution.

To the Most Excellent Grand Principals, and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

WE, the undersigned, being regular Royal Arch Masons, registered Members of the Chapters mentioned against our respective names, pray for a Warrant of Constitution, empowering us to meet as a regular Chapter at to be called on the day of , and there to discharge the duties of Royal Arch Masonry in a constitutional manner, according to the Forms of the Order, and the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter; and we have nominated and do recommend Companion to be First Principal, Z., Companion to be Second Principal, H., Companion to be Third Principal, J.

The prayer of this Petition being granted, we promise strict conformity to the Ancient Landmarks of the Order and the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter.

[To be signed by at least nine R. A. Masons.]

E

Application for Advancement.

To the Excellent Principals, Officers and Companions of
Chapter No. G.R.C.

The undersigned, a Master Mason, respectfully prays that he may be advanced to the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master.

(Signed,)

Application for Exaltation.

To the Excellent Principals, Officers and Companions of
Chapter No. G.R.C.

The undersigned having been advanced to the degrees of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Master Mason, respectfully prays that he may be exalted to the supreme degree of a Royal Arch Mason.

(Signed,)

It was moved by E. Comp. Tully, seconded by E. Comp. Harris, and

RESOLVED,—

That the Constitution submitted by the Committee and as amended by the Grand Chapter, be confirmed and adopted, to be entered on the Minutes, and to be printed as the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

It was, on motion, unanimously

RESOLVED,—

That the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, be holden at the City of Hamilton, on Wednesday the 17th February, A.D. 1858.

Communications from several Grand Chapters were then read.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at half-past 7, P. M.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sitting at half-past 7, P. M.

PRESENT.

R. E. Comp. Capt. Thompson Wilson, G. Supt., as Z.
 " " " Thomas Duggan, as H.
 " " " Kivas Tully, as J.
 on the Throne.
 " " " Thos. B. Harris, G. Scribe, E.

And the following Companions :—

E. Comp. J. R. Holden, Hiram Chapter, Hamilton.
 " " Wm. Bellhouse, " "
 " " J. Taylor, " "
 " Wm. Steers, St. John's Chapter, Toronto.
 " C. E. Romain, " "
 " C. Fitzgibbon, Ionic Chapter, "
 " R. Maitland, St. Andrew's Chapter, "
 " J. E. Smith, King Solomon's Chapter, Toronto.

VISITORS.

Comp. Jos. Hodgson,	Comp. C. Pollock,
" Alex. Macnamara,	" P. A. Derbyshire,
" W. C. Morrison,	" John Hill,
" J. A. Fisher,	" Rd. Arnold,
" S. B. Campbell,	" A. Beliren,
" H. Bostwick,	" John H. Seels,
" W. L'Estage,	" W. H. Miller.

The Grand Officers then proceeded to the installation and investiture of the Officers of the following Chapters.

THE HIRAM CHAPTER.

E. Comp. Jno. R. Holden, Z.
 " " W. Bellhouse, H.
 " " J. Taylor, J.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER.

R. E. Comp. Thomas B. Harris, Z.
" " John F. McCuaig, H.

KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER.

R. E. Comp. Kivas Tully, Z.
" " James E. Smith, H.
" " Joseph Hodgson, J.

The Grand Chapter was closed in form, with solemn prayer.

THOS. B. HARRIS,
G. Scribe, E.

PROCEEDINGS

At the First Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Hamilton, on Wednesday the 17th Feb., A. I. 2388, A. D., 1858.

PRESENT.

M. E. Comp.	Wm. M. Wilson,	Grand Z.
R. E.	" Capt. T. Wilson, as	" H.
"	" Dr. Thos. Duggan,	" J.
	on the Throne.	
R. E. Comp.	Thomas B. Harris,	Grand Scribe, E.
"	" John R. Holden, as	" " N.
"	" Kivas Tully, as	" P. Sojourner.
"	" T. C. Sterling, as	" Treasurer.
R. E.	" W. C. Stephens, as	" 1st A. Sojourner.
"	" Chas. Magill, as	" 2nd "
"	" Thomas Francis, as	" D. of Ceremonies
"	" A. Monro, as	} " Stewards.
"	" J. F. McCuaig, as	
"	" J. Taylor, as	" Pursuivant.
"	" John Morrison,	" Janitor.

Also, R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, Comps. Richard Bull, and Henry Grist.

VISITING.

Comp. Robb, St. John's Chapter, 509, New York City.

The Representatives from the following Chapters were reported and admitted to seats in the Grand Chapter :

THE HIRAM CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

E. Comp. John R. Holden, Z.
" " Jeremiah Taylor, J.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

Comp. Thomas Francis, H.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

R. E. Comp. Thomas B. Harris, Z.

" " J. F. McCuaig, H.

" " W. C. Stephens, J.

KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

E. Comp. Kivas Tully, Z.

" A. M. Munro, Scribe, E.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The Proceedings of the Especial Convocation held at Toronto, on the 20th day of January, A. D. 1858, were read and confirmed.

The Grand Scribe, E., laid before the Grand Chapter several letters, to the effect that the Grand Chapter of Canada had been recognised by various Grand Chapters in the United States, amongst which communications was one from P.P. Murphy, G.H.P. State of New York, and R. Morris, from Alabama.

The election of Grand Officers was then proceeded with, and the following Companions declared duly elected :—

M. E. Comp. Thompson Wilson, Grand Z.

R. E. " Thomas Duggan, " H.

" " " Kivas Tully, " J.

" " " Thos. B. Harris, " Scribe, E.

" " " James Moffatt, " " N.

" " " John Harris, " P. Sojourner.

" " " J. R. Holden, " Treasurer.

By an open vote of the Grand Chapter,

Comp. John Morrison, " Janitor.

By the Chapters of their respective Districts, as Grand Superintendents, and which the Grand Z. was pleased to confirm :

R. E. Comp. Charles Magill, Hamilton District.

" " " James Daniell, London "

" " " George L. Allen, Toronto "

The Grand Z., elect, was then regularly installed and proclaimed.

The elected officers were severally invested with the badges of their office according to ancient form.

It was moved by R. E. Companion Kivas Tully, seconded by R.E. Comp. Simpson, and unanimously adopted,—

That the cordial and fraternal thanks of the Grand Chapter be forwarded to the M.E. Grand Z., Comp. Wm. M. Wilson, for the able, dignified and impartial manner in which the duties of the office of M. E. Grand Z., were performed since the establishment of the Grand Chapter.

On motion of R. E. Comp. Kivas Tully, seconded by R. E. Comp. Thos. Duggan, it was unanimously

RESOLVED,—

That the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter be holden at the City of London, C.W., in 1859.

The M. E. Grand Z., was pleased to make the following appointments to office in this Grand Chapter, for the next ensuing Masonic term :—

V. E. Comp. Thomas Francis, Grand 1st Asst. Sojourner.

" Jos. Hodgson,	" 2nd "	"
" J. E. Smith,	" Sword Bearer.	
" S. B. Campbell,	" Dir. of Ceremonies.	
" Wm. Daniell,	" Standard Bearer.	
" J. J. McKenzie,	" Organist.	
" J. F. McCuaig,	" Pursuivant.	
" Jeremiah Taylor,	} " Stewards.	
" A. Munro,		
" William Muir,		
" W. J. Murray,		

The Grand Scribe, E., presented his account, which was received and adopted.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, and

re-assembled at 11, P. M., when the M. E. Grand Z. installed the following Companions :—

R. E. Comp. W. C. Stephens, as Grand Superintendent and J. of St. John's Chapter, Hamilton.

R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, as Grand Superintendent for the Central District.

It was, on motion,

RESOLVED,—

That a Committee be appointed to decide on a uniform system of work for the Mark, Past, Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees—to report progress at the earliest opportunity.

The M. E. Grand Z. appointed the following to be such Committee, viz :—R. E. Companions Harris, Tully and Wilson.

The Grand Chapter was closed in ample form, with solemn prayer.

THOS. B. HARRIS,
G. S., E.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Toronto, on Thursday the 20th day of January, A.D. 1859.

PRESENT.

M. E. Comp.	Thompson Wilson,	Grand Z.
" " "	Wm. M. Wilson, as	" H.
R. " "	Thomas Duggan, as	" J.
	on the Throne.	
" " "	Thomas B. Harris,	Grand Scribe, E.
" " "	Samuel D. Fowler, as	" " N.
" " "	W. B. Simpson, as	" Principal Sojourner.
" " "	A. Bernard, as	" 1st Assistant "
" " "	James Moffat, as	" 2nd " "
V. " "	S. B. Campbell,	" Dir. of Ceremonies.
	John Morrison,	" Janitor.

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The Committee on Credentials presented their report of the following Members and Representatives of duly warranted Chapters, whom they recommend to be admitted and take part in proceedings of Grand Chapter :—

THE HIRAM CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

R. E. Comp.	Thomas Duggan, Z.
" "	Jeremiah Taylor, H.
M. E. "	Wm. M. Wilson, P.G. Z.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

E. Comp.	Thomas Francis, Z.
" "	John Keary, J.
" "	James Moffatt, P.Z.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, Z.

ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

M. E. Comp. Thompson Wilson, Z.

" " J. K. Brown, H.

" " Edwin Heathfield, J.

KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

E. Comp. S. B. Campbell, Z.

MOIRA CHAPTER, BELLEVILLE.

E. Comp. J. C. Frank, Z.

ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

E. Comp. James Henderson, Z.

" " S. D. Fowler, P. Z.

" " W. B. Simpson, G. S. of Central Dis.

ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

E. Comp. S. B. Harman, Z.

" F.W. Barron, P. Z.

Visiting Companions George W. Whitehead, Henry Grist, and
W. H. Weller.

On motion, it was

RESOLVED,—

That the Report of the Committee on Credentials be received
and adopted.

The M. E. Grand Z., informed the Grand Chapter that they
had met in pursuance of a summons issued by his direction, to
receive the report of the Committee appointed at the last annual
convocation, for the purpose of deciding on an uniform Ritual for
the adoption of all Chapters under this jurisdiction.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

Your Committee, to whom was entrusted the consideration
of a uniform Ritual, beg leave to report, that they are now prepared
to give an exemplification of the Work, which they believe to be

correct and most universally practiced, and would respectfully recommend that it may be adopted by this Grand Chapter.

The exemplification of the Work was then proceeded with, which was, after much discussion on the different points at issue, comparing the work under other jurisdictions, again committed to the following Committee, viz :

R.E. Comp. T. D. Harington, E. Companions F. Richardson, F.W. Barron, W. B. Simpson, and S. D. Fowler, with instructions to report on the M. M., P.M. and M.E.M. degrees, at the Annual Convocation to be held in London in February ; and on the Royal Arch degree at an Especial Convocation, to be held at Kingston in July next, during the session of Grand Lodge.

The labors of the Grand Chapter being finished, it was closed in ample form.

THOS. B. HARRIS,
G. Scribe, E.

P R O C E E D I N G S

Of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, at the Second Annual Convocation, held in the Masonic Hall in the City of London, C.W., on the third Wednesday the 16th day of February, A. D. 1859.

P R E S E N T.

	M. E. Comp.	Thompson Wilson,	Grand Z.
R.	" "	F. Richardson, as	" H.
	" "	Kivas Tully,	" J.
		on the Throne.	
	" "	Thos. B. Harris,	" Scribe, E.
	" "	James Moffatt,	" " N.
	" "	John K. Brown, as	" P. Sojourner.
V.	" "	Thomas Francis,	" 1st A. "
	" "	Wm. Moore, as	" 2nd A. "
	" "	J. C. Franck, as	" Treasurer.
R.	" "	J. Heathfield, as	" Sword Bearer.
	" "	Wm. Daniell, as	" Standard "
	" "	M. F. Shaler, as	" Pursuivant.
	" "	Thos. McMullan, as	" Janitor.

R.E. Comp. James Daniell, P. G. Superintendent of the London District.

R.E. Comp. Thomas Douglas Harington, P. G. Superintendent for Canada East, under the Grand Chapter of England.

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in ample form.

The Grand Scribes, E. and N., having examined the Register, reported the following Representatives of regularly Warranted Chapters; also the Representatives of Chapters under Dispensation, whom they recommend to be admitted and to take part in the proceedings of Grand Chapter.

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ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, LONDON, C.W.

R. E. Comp. James Daniell, P. Z.
" " " James Moffatt, " Z.
" " Thomas Francis, Z.
" " William Moore, H.
" " John Keary, J.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

R. E. Comp. Thomas Bird Harris, Z.
" " M. Francis Shaler, J.
R. " " Thos. D. Harington, P.G. Superintend't.

KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

R. E. Comp. Kivas Tully, P. Z.

ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

M. E. Comp. Thompson Wilson, Z.
" " John K. Brown, H.
" Edwin Heathfield, J.

MOIRA CHAPTER, BELLEVILLE.

E. Comp. John C. Franck, Z.
" A. B. Elmer.

ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

E. Comp. John C. Franck, (proxy.)

ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

E. Comp. Francis Richardson, P. Z.
" " S. B. Harman, Z.

Under Dispensation :—

KILWINNING CHAPTER, LONDON.

E. Comp. William Muir, Z.
" " Wm. Daniell, H.
" " P. T. Worthington, J.

GOLDEN RULE CHAPTER, STANSTEAD.

The Grand Scribe, E., (proxy.)

The Report from the Grand Scribes was received and adopted.

The M. E. Z. granted permission for all Companions in good standing to be admitted.

VISITORS.

E. Comp. Wm. Reid, Zerubbabel Chapter, No. 30, Texas.

“ Geo. Parkins, A. S. Abbott, Edward Garratt, and

“ Wm. Miles, St. John's Chapter, London.

“ Charles L. Davis, Kilwinning Chapter, London.

The Minutes of the last Annual Convocation, held at the City of Hamilton on the 17th day of February, A. D. 1858, also of a Special Convocation, held in the City of Toronto on the 20th day January, A. D. 1859, were read, and, on motion, confirmed.

The M. E. Z. informed Grand Chapter that he had granted Dispensations to open two new Chapters during the past year—the first for *Golden Rule*, at Stanstead, and the second for *Kilwinning*, at London.

It was, on motion,

RESOLVED,—

That the Dispensations be confirmed, and that the Grand Scribe, E., be directed to prepare a Warrant for each of the above new Chapters, as soon as circumstances would permit.

The following Chapters, formerly holding Warrants from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, during the past year affiliated with this Grand Chapter, viz:—

St. George's Chapter, London, C.W.

Moirs Chapter, Belleville, C.W.

Ancient Frontenac Chapter, Kingston, C.W.

St. Andrew's Chapter, Toronto, C.W.

The Most Excellent Z. submitted and read the following

ADDRESS.

R. E. and E. Companions :

By the blessing of the G. A. U. we are again permitted to meet together in Grand Convocation, for the purpose of considering the best measures to be adopted for the general welfare and happiness of our Order, and as your suffrages have placed me in the honorable position I hold in this Grand Chapter, it becomes my duty and privilege to render to you some account of the transactions of the Grand Chapter since our last regular Convocation ; and lay before you such other matters as I may deem of sufficient importance to claim your consideration. This I will endeavor to do as briefly as possible and, therefore, request your attention for a few moments.

Last year, when I assumed the duties of Grand First Principal Z. the number of Chapters over which this Grand Chapter had jurisdiction was four. I am happy now to inform you that they are nearly tripled. Two Dispensations have been issued to form new Chapters and four Dispensations of affiliation to the Chapters in Canada West, formerly working under the supreme Grand Chapter of England, and there is every prospect of some of the other Chapters in the Lower Province, still working under that jurisdiction, soon joining us. I have also, reason to believe that before long, application will be made for Dispensations to hold Chapters in Woodstock, St. Thomas and Windsor. At Woodstock the Chapter would be supported by Three or Four Lodges, at St. Thomas, two, and at Windsor Three. The accession to our Order in individual Masons has not been great, yet, considering the change we were undergoing towards independence, it is as great as could have been expected. I have received an application from R. E. Companion Simpson, Grand Superintendent of the Central District, for a blank Dispensation, to revive a dormant Chapter, formerly working in Brockville, without furnishing the names of the nine Royal Arch Masons, who were to form the Chapter ; this being rather a novel application, I was induced to examine closely the book of Constitution, and I find the law for the government of such questions, clearly laid down in article 5, page 13, article 1, 2, page 15, and article 2, page 16, but there is no authority given therein to the Grand First Principal Z. or any other Officer, to grant a

Warrant or Dispensation without the nine names being first furnished to the Grand Scribe, E. I have therefore declined signing the blank dispensation, until the names are furnished.

I have much pleasure in informing you, that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland has acknowledged the independence of this Grand Chapter, upon learning which, I appointed R.E. Comp. Furnell our Representative at that Grand Chapter, and intimated that R. E. Comp. Tully would be acceptable to us as their Representative. And now that the Grand Lodge of England has acknowledged the Grand Lodge of Canada, I have no doubt but the Grand Chapters of England and Scotland will soon follow its example. We have also been acknowledged by a number of the Grand Chapters of the United States of America, and have received friendly communications from several Grand Chapters, with reports of their proceedings for 1858—one of which is from the Grand Chapter of Illinois, in which a subject is broached of great importance to all Royal Arch Masons throughout the world, viz: Uniformity of Work and Designation of Officers. At page 24, in the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, this passage occurs:—

“Your Committee would fraternally suggest to our esteemed Companions in Canada, whether it would not be as well, or better, for them to conform the names of their Officers to those in the United States. It would be pleasant to the Grand Chapters through the Union if this could consistently be done.”

It is deeply to be regretted that all Royal Arch Masons, speaking the English language at least, do not follow the same customs and usages. We have all derived our authority from the same source, and are all offshoots from the Grand Chapter of England. I have in my possession, one of the first Constitutions published in the United States, by Thomas S. Webb, in 1802, which establishes this fact. The first Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England was agreed to in 1782, and published in 1786.

This subject was well considered by the Committee who formed our Constitution and they entered on their labour with a desire to conform to the work of our American Companions, as far as they consistently could; with this view they framed our Constitution so as to admit of the Mark, Past and Most Excellent Masters degrees, being conferred in the same manner as in the United States. Much might be said on this subject, but it would be out of place for me to enlarge upon it, on the present occasion; perhaps our Committee on Foreign Correspondence may have to address you and may enter more fully on the subject.

At the request of several distinguished Companions, I called an Emergent Convocation of the Grand Chapter, to meet immediately after the business of the Grand Lodge at Toronto. The Grand Chapter met accordingly on the 20th ultimo, and entered on the business for which they were summoned, namely, the adoption of a Ritual for the several Chapter degrees, and after considerable discussion, the English system was agreed on for the Royal Arch, and, for the intermediate degrees, that practiced in the United States, with some slight alteration.

A Committee was appointed for this purpose, consisting of Companions Harington, Richardson, Harman and Barron, whose report I expect will be laid before you.

It is of the utmost importance, that but one uniform mode of work be permitted under this jurisdiction, and it is also desirable that it should be defined without delay, for we have three new Chapters recently formed, and three others are about to be formed, so that they ought to be informed how they are to prepare their Chapter Rooms, but this cannot be done, with any degree of certainty, until the Ritual be finally adopted. I would remark, whilst on this subject that I have been over 40 years a Royal Arch Mason, and during that period have seen Masonry in many countries, and in all its phases, and truth compels me to give the preference to the English system of conferring the Royal Arch degree. It is a history of Masonry of itself. Its Lectures are highly moral and instructive, and I am sure that no Brother will ever go away dissatisfied with his wages, who has received this supreme degree in a proper manner, but on the contrary, will be ever ready to return to labour with pleasure and profit, at the sound of the Master's gavel.

A difficulty has been brought to my notice, which exists in isolated Chapters, with respect to the three installed Principals; for, according to the Constitution as now understood, if there be not the actual or past first, second or third Principals present, the Chapter cannot be opened. The clauses, in our Constitution, which seem to govern this rule, will be found in Art. 1, p. 16, in these words: "Every Chapter should consist of three Principals, two Scribes, three Sojourners, a Janitor and others;" and at Art. 6, p. 17, it is provided that "no Companion of any subordinate Chapter shall be eligible for the first Principal's Chair until he has served in the second, nor to the second until he has served in the third, nor to the third until he shall have served the office of Scribe, E. or N., or Principal Sojourner of some subordinate Chapter." The English Constitution is to the same effect, but it makes an exception for Foreign and new Chapters, see Art. 8, p. 15, English Constitution. The Irish Constitution at article

4, page 104, states that "A Chapter of this Order of Masonry shall consist of three Principals, three Sojourners, two Scribes and one High Priest, and it shall not be competent for any Chapter to be opened unless one Actual or Past Principal be present, who shall preside." And by the Constitutions of the Grand Chapters in the United States either the King or Scribe may fill the chair of the High Priest and there seems to be no restriction as to filling the second or third chair. See the installation of King and Scribe in Stewart's Manual for 1851. Here we have the usages of other Grand Chapters for our guide, so that there need be no difficulty in deciding what ought to be ours. It is, however, necessary that this Grand Chapter should express an opinion what shall be the practice of our Subordinate Chapters with regard to filling the second and third chairs by non-installed Principals, and if deemed necessary, the Constitution should be altered so as to leave no doubt on the matter. It is unnecessary for me to remark that none but installed first Principals can preside over a Royal Arch Chapter, according to the English, Irish and Scotch Constitutions.

At the last Convocation of emergency, it was suggested that the Convocations of the Grand Chapter should be held at the same time and place as the meetings of the Grand Lodge—the Grand Chapter meeting in the evenings, and the Grand Lodge during the day. It will be now for you to decide whether this arrangement can be carried into effect.

In conclusion, I beg to state, R. E. Companions, that it is my wish to retire from the active duties of office. You will therefore understand that I am not a candidate for re-election. I think I may fairly claim, after so many years' labor, the privilege of retiring to the ranks of my Companions out of office, and leave the work to younger and more able hands; yet I shall ever be ready to forward the cause of our Order.

I will now leave you to decide upon the various matters set before you; and may the G. A. U. enable us to discharge our duties with fervency and zeal.

THOMPSON WILSON,

Grand Z.

On motion of E. Comp. Francis Richardson, seconded by R.E. Comp. Kivas Tully,—

The following special Committee was appointed to report on the Most Excellent Z.'s Address, viz :—Companions Kivas Tully, J. C. Franck, and J. K. Brown.

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It was moved by R. E. Comp. James Moffatt, seconded by R. E. Comp. James Daniell, and unanimously adopted,—

That the following Companions be a Committee to prepare a Design for the Royal Arch Certificate : also, to draft a form for the new Warrant to be issued to the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada—and to have them properly executed and ready for issuing with the least possible delay, viz : R. E. Companions Kivas Tully, F. Richardson, W. C. Stephens, The M. E. Z., and Grand Scribe, E.

On motion of E. Comp. J. K. Brown, seconded by E. Comp. Wm. Daniell, it was unanimously

RESOLVED,—

That all Chapters now hailing under this Grand Chapter be numbered according to the dates of their antiquity ; and that all Chapters making application after this date, shall take rank according to the date of such application.

E. Comp. J. C. Franck gave the following notice of motion :

That this Grand Chapter shall hereafter hold its Annual Convocation during the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and at such place as the aforesaid Grand Lodge may determine, and at such hours as the Most Excellent Z. may appoint—the next regular Convocation to be held in July, A. D. 1860.

It was moved by E. Companion J. C. Franck, and seconded by R. E. Companion T. B. Harris,—

Whereas it appears to this Grand Chapter that many amendments might be advantageously made to the Constitution ;

BE IT RESOLVED,—

That the following Companions, viz : T. D. Harington, F. Richardson, W. B. Simpson, W. M. Wilson, Js. A. Henderson, S. D. Fowler, and John C. Franck, be a Committee to revise the Constitution and alterations submitted ; to report thereon at the next Convocation of this Grand Chapter, either emergent or regular. The proposed alteration to be furnished to the Grand Scribe, E., at least sixty days previously to such Convocation, and copies of the proposed amendments to be submitted by him to the various subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Scribe, E., submitted from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence the following Report :—

R E P O R T

OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave to Report, that the formation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada has been viewed favourably by most of the Sister Grand Chapters, who have been notified of the act.

The first Grand Body whose recognition was officially given is the Grand Chapter of Ireland, and the document in which the intelligence is conveyed is couched in language so friendly and urbane, that it calls for especial remark. The Masons of Ireland have now stronger claims than ever to the respect and esteem of their Canadian Brethren, for their Grand Chapter has nobly achieved the good work towards this Province their Grand Lodge began. The Communication referred to is as follows :—

" To the Most Excellent Grand Principals,

*" The Grand Officers and Companions of the Supreme Grand
" Royal Arch Chapter of Canada.*

WE, the Grand Principals, the Grand Officers and Companions
" of the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland,

" SEND GREETING,—

*" At the Quarterly Convention of the Grand Royal Arch
" Chapter of Ireland, held in Dublin on the 17th day of February,
" 1858, a memorial was read from the Supreme Grand Royal
" Arch Chapter of Canada setting forth, ' That the Grand Chapter
" of Royal Arch Masons of Canada had held a Convention at
" Hamilton, on the 2nd day of April 1857, and had regularly
" installed its Grand Officers. And the Grand Chapter of Royal
" Arch Masons of Canada having been thus duly formed and
" being engaged in promoting the genuine principles of the Royal
" Craft, and feeling at the same time earnestly desirous of
" cultivating a friendly intercourse with the Grand Royal Arch
" Chapter of Ireland, cordially extend the right hand of fellowship
" and confidently claim from the Grand Chapter of Ireland, a
" fraternal recognition.*

"It was proposed, seconded, and agreed to, 'That as the
 "Grand Lodge of Ireland had recognized the Grand Lodge of
 "Canada working in connexion with the above designed Grand
 "Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, as an Independent Grand
 "Lodge, that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada be
 "informed that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland
 "acknowledges the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada as an
 "Independent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and
 "reciprocates the Masonic feelings expressed in the Commu-
 "nication; but that it demands for the Chapters in Canada and
 "individual companions who prefer to retain their Masonic
 "connexion with the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland that
 "free exercise of their existing Masonic rights, and requires that
 "the Royal Arch Warrant of any Chapter whose Blue Warrant
 "has been or is about to be returned to the Grand Lodge of
 "Ireland shall be surrendered to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter
 "of Ireland;

"And the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland further
 "demands the continuance of its present privileges of issuing on
 "proper memorial Royal Arch Warrants to be attached to any
 "symbolical Lodge, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of
 "Ireland, (in Canada.)"

"Signed by order of, and for the Grand Royal Arch Chapter,

"LUCIUS H. DEERING,
 "Grand Scribe."

The Grand Chapters of many of the States of the neighbouring
 confederacy have also forwarded documents to this Grand Chapter,
 generally in the form of printed proceedings.

From these we gather that the following have officially
 recognised the Grand Chapter of Canada :—

The Grand Chapters of ALABAMA, CONNECTICUT, DELAWARE,
 FLORIDA, ILLINOIS, INDIANA, LOUISIANA, MAINE, MISSISSIPPI,
 MISSOURI, NEW YORK, RHODE ISLAND, TEXAS, VERMONT.

CALIFORNIA.

The Grand Chapter of CALIFORNIA says: "The Companions
 "of Canada have our most cordial and fraternal sympathies." and
 assert that "the permanent establishment of such a Grand Chapter
 "in Canada as the one now in operation, analogous as it is in its
 "machinery and system to our own, would most materially aid in

"the more complete developement of our Order." Yet, in the absence of what is deemed full information with regard to our movements, the Grand Chapter of California, pauses before tendering to us the fraternal grasp of recognition. We hope next year to be able to report that their scruples have been completely overcome—their doubts dispelled.

We have received copies of proceedings of various Grand Bodies anterior to the formation of this Grand Chapter, and two of these have not as yet notified this Grand Chapter of their action relating to our request for recognition.

These are the Grand Chapters of KENTUCKY and OHIO, both of which we have, however, reason to believe have signified their willingness to extend to us the right hand of fellowship.

The following Grand Chapters in the United States are unheard from in any way : ARKANSAS, IOWA, MARYLAND and DIST. OF COLUMBIA, MASSACHUSETTS, MICHIGAN, NEW HAMPSHIRE, NEW JERSEY, PENNSYLVANIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, TENNESSEE, VIRGINIA and WISCONSIN.

It is important to show the truly fraternal spirit with which the Grand Bodies who have taken action in the Grand Chapter of Canada, have expressed themselves, we therefore quote their resolutions, as follows:—

ALABAMA.

"The Select Committee, to whom was referred a communication from the Grand Royal arch Chapter of Canada, have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report :

"That it is with the highest degree of satisfaction we witness a disposition, on the part of the Grand Chapter of Canada, recently established there, as manifested by the communication referred to us, to interchange friendly greeting with this Grand Chapter ; and your committee recommend the passage of the following resolutions in reference to said communication :

"1. That the Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama does most cheerfully recognise and fully embrace her sister, the Grand Chapter of Canada, and heartily approves the disposition manifested to produce uniformity of work in Chapter Masonry.

"2. That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter, on behalf of said Chapter, acknowledge the receipt of the communication from the Grand Chapter of Canada, and forward a copy of these resolutions, with fraternal greetings from this Grand Chapter.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"W. P. CHILTON, *Chairman.*"

CONNECTICUT.

"Comp.W. Storer, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted the following report :

"To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Connecticut :

"Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave respectfully to report, that they have had submitted to them a document purporting to have emanated from the *Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada*. (See p. 12.)

"A perusal of this document has afforded to your committee no little pleasure ; and we doubt not that our companions of this Grand Chapter will cordially unite with us in the gratification we have experienced on learning that a Grand Royal Arch Chapter has been regularly organized in the Province of Canada, with a considerable number of subordinate Chapters working under its jurisdiction. Our satisfaction is materially enhanced when we take into consideration the fact that an obstacle has hitherto prevented a free Masonic intercourse between Royal Arch Masons exalted in the Canadian Chapters and those under the jurisdiction of the several Grand Chapters of the United States,—the other Chapter degrees not having been conferred in the Province. 'This obstacle is now removed, the new Grand Chapter of Canada being organized like our own, recognizing the several degrees that are conferred in the United States, and working in the same manner as our own Chapters. We feel confident that the members of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut will rejoice in according to our sister Grand Chapter of Canada a cordial and fraternal recognition. We therefore offer for adoption the following resolution :

"RESOLVED,—

"That the Grand Chapter of Connecticut has learned with unfeigned satisfaction, that a Grand Royal Arch Chapter has been organized in the Province of Canada, recognizing the several degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch ; and we do hereby extend to the said Grand Chapter of Canada a cordial and fraternal welcome as a member of the great family of American Grand Chapters, and proffer to her the right hand of Masonic fellowship.

"All of which is respectfully submitted,

"WILLIAM STORER,
"Chairman."

"Which report was accepted, and the resolution unanimously adopted."

Chairman."

FLORIDA.

"The Committee find among the Masonic Communications laid before them by the Grand Secretary, the address of the Grand Principals, Grand Officers and Companions, of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, setting forth the circumstances which caused their independent organization; which we have carefully examined, and present as a part of this report, and recommend a fraternal recognition and cordial greeting; and present resolution." (See p. 12.)

"Resolved by the Grand Chapter of Florida, That this Grand Chapter, having received satisfactory evidence of the organization of an Independent Grand Royal Arch Chapter, at the city of Hamilton, in the Province of Canada, upon the principles of Royal Arch Masonry in the United States, acknowledges her as an Independent Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and grasps the extended right hand of fraternity, with cordial recognition.

"RESOLVED,—That the Grand Secretary cause the proceedings of this Grand Chapter to be forwarded to the Grand Chapter of Canada, and ask reciprocal correspondence and intercourse.

"The Report was read and ordered to be published in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, and the foregoing resolutions were severally put and unanimously adopted."

ILLINOIS.

"Comp. Grand Secretary then presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which was read and adopted, and the resolution concurred in.

"Also, received a document from the Grand Principals, Officers and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, setting forth, that for several causes therein enumerated, similar to those which led to the organization of the Grand Lodge of Canada, a Convention of Delegates from the several Chapters in Canada, convened at Hamilton, January 19, 1857, and adopted a constitution recognising the degrees of Mark, Past, Most Excellent and Royal Arch Mason, and fully organised by electing M.E.Comp. WM. MERCER WILSON, Grand 1st Principal, Z.; R. E. Comp. Dr. A. BARNARD, Grand 2nd Principal, H.; R. E. Comp. THOMAS DUGGAN, Grand 3rd Principal, J.; THOS. BIRD HARRIS, Grand Scribe, (answering to our Grand Secretary) and the other officers suitable to the other stations in a Grand Chapter, who were all duly installed into their respective stations by M. E. Comp. CZAR JONES, P.G.H.P. of Michigan. The said Grand Chapter fraternally requests this Grand Chapter to recognise them, which we hope will be done with a right good will.

"Your Committee would fraternally suggest to our esteemed Companions in Canada, whether it would not be as well, or better, for them to conform the names of their Officers to those in the United States. It would be pleasant to the Grand Chapters through the Union if this could consistently be done."

"RESOLVED,—

"That this Grand Chapter welcomes the Grand Chapters of Canada and New Jersey into the Royal Arch Constellation, and most cordially extends to each of them the right hand of fellowship."

INDIANA.

"The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom was specially referred the Communication from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and regard the reasons assigned by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, for their separation from the Grand Chapter of England, and the organization of an independent body, as not only eminently conclusive and satisfactory, but in the highest degree flattering to the Royal Arch Chapters of this country. Their proceedings throughout are marked by the utmost regularity, and in the opinion of your committee, no hesitation should be felt in their full and complete recognition. They recommend for adoption the following resolutions :

"RESOLVED,—

"That we extend to the Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, a full recognition and cordial fraternal greeting.

"RESOLVED,—

"That the usual correspondence and intercourse be opened with the same.

"RESOLVED,—

"That the Grand Secretary be instructed to communicate a copy of these proceedings to the Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, duly authenticated by the seal of this Grand Chapter.

"Which report was concurred in, and the accompanying resolutions adopted."

LOUISIANA.

"Since our last Annual Convocation, a Grand Chapter has been formed in the Province of Canada. We hail this accession

to the number of Grand Chapters with delight. A communication was received from Comp. Thos. B. Harris, styling himself Grand Scribe, E., dated Hamilton, C. W., August 31st, 1857, accompanying an address, with a request to lay it before you, confidently expressing the assurance that it would secure to them a personal recognition, and open up a channel of correspondence and instruction that would continue to the end of time.

"This we have thought to publish entire. The document speaks for itself, [see p. 12.] and the reasons for the formation of this Grand Chapter, and the sentiments therein expressed, meet our decided approval. We cordially extend the right hand of fellowship, and wish our Companions of Canada God speed in their noble undertakings."

MAINE.

"The Grand Chapter of Maine will gladly hail the formation of a Grand R. A. Chapter in Canada, and the committee would spread upon our minutes in full the first fraternal salutations of that body, which here follow. [See p. 12.]

"Believing there can be but one opinion as to the recognition of this body, and that all the members of the Grand Chapters of Maine will rejoice to adopt them, your committee present resolutions at the close of this report."

"The Resolutions recognising the Grand Chapter of Canada were considered and adopted, as follows:—

"1. **RESOLVED**,—That with lively emotions of pleasure the Companions of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Maine welcome the first salutations from the Most Excellent and Excellent Companions in Canada, announcing the formation of a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in that noble Province.

"2. **RESOLVED**,—That we cordially welcome them as such to our fellowship, and commend this new ARCH to the fraternity of Grand R. A. Chapters on this Continent, and to the fraternal correspondence which unites them in brotherhood and affection.

"3. **RESOLVED**,—That our Grand Secretary, in forwarding these Resolutions to the Grand Chapter of Canada, be instructed to forward a file of our past reports so far as practicable, as our contribution to her Masonic library."

MISSISSIPPI.

"Comp. Johnson, from the Committee on Canadian Grand Chapter, submitted the following report, which was *unanimously* adopted:—

"**RESOLVED**,—That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Mississippi fully respond to the offer of Masonic regard and

fellowship, on the part of the Principals, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, as contained in their recent communication addressed to this Body ; that we hereby assure our Companions of Canada of our high appreciation of their Masonic zeal, and our anxious desire to cultivate with them feelings of fraternal regard—feelings which are not to be destroyed by distance, nor weakened by diversity of political or social intercourse, but which unite the Craft in love and friendship wherever dispersed around the globe.

“RESOLVED,—That the Grand Secretary communicate this Resolution with the Seal of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter.”

MISSOURI.

“Your Committee submit the following account of the organization of a Grand Royal Arch Chapter in the Province of Canada, and earnestly hope that this Grand Chapter will extend the hand of fellowship, and welcome this new sister as an equal among the Grand Chapters of the United States. [See p. 12.]

“With the evidence furnished by the foregoing before us of the legality of the formation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, we submit the following :

“Whereas the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Missouri, having heard that a Grand Royal Arch Chapter was legally constituted in the Province of Canada, for the government of Royal Arch Masonry in that jurisdiction, and that such Grand Chapter recognises the degrees of Mark, Past and Most Excellent, as preparatory to the R. A. degree—

“RESOLVED,—That we cordially welcome the Grand Chapter of Canada as an equal among the several Grand Chapters of the United States, and we tender to them the right hand of fellowship.”

NEW YORK.

“The Select Committee, to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Chapter of Canada, reported for the consideration of the Grand Chapter the following resolutions :—

“RESOLVED,—That this Grand Chapter fully recognises the independence of the Grand R.A. Chapter of Canada, and cordially welcomes her into the Masonic family of independent sovereignties, and, as such, extends to her the right hand of fellowship.

“RESOLVED,—That the Grand Secretary be directed to transmit to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada a copy of the above resolution, and with it a letter of congratulation and fellowship.

“The Report was accepted, and the Resolutions adopted.”

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NORTH CAROLINA.

"The Committee on Communication from Canada presented the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

"Your Committee, to whose consideration was referred the circular from what purports to be the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, have had but little time to devote to the subject, and therefore feel some doubt as to the propriety of the course which they purpose recommending for the adoption of this Grand Chapter. Had our opportunities of enquiry have enabled us to fully satisfy ourselves that our premises are entirely correct, we should then have presented our conclusions with more confidence.

"We cannot resist the conclusion that the present G. R. Arch organisation is a result of the state of anarchy that has for some time prevailed in that jurisdiction, and as we should be the first to resist any interference in our own, we should be the last to interfere or encourage insubordination, or resistance to lawful authority in a foreign jurisdiction. When the present Grand Royal Arch organisation in Canada shall have reconciled her dispute with the supreme authorities that have heretofore governed the Royal Craft in that jurisdiction, none can extend the hand of fellowship more cheerfully or more cordially than we. Until then, we feel constrained to decline any proffers of recognition, and to deprecate interference on the part of our sister Grand Chapters.

"A. MARTIN, *Chairman.*"

RHODE ISLAND.

"The Address of the Grand Principals, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, was presented, conveying the pleasing intelligence of the formation of a new Grand Chapter for said Province and cordially extending the right hand of fellowship to this Grand Chapter, and confidently claiming the same fraternal recognition in return—whereupon,

"RESOLVED, That the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island having learned that a Grand Royal Arch Chapter has been organised in the Province of Canada, recognising the several degrees of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch; we do hereby extend to said Grand Chapter a cordial welcome as a member of the family of Grand Chapters, hoping that our future correspondence may be mutually instructing and agreeable."

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"Your Committee have received a *manuscript* from the Province of Canada, showing the organisation of an independent Grand Chapter for that Province. A number of Royal Arch

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Masons met in the City of Hamilton, on the 19th day of January, A.D. 1857, and there being the requisite number of Chapters duly represented, they proceeded to organise a Convention and framed a constitution in strict conformity with the usages of Royal Arch Masonry. The Constitution by them adopted requires all the subordinate Chapters in their jurisdiction to confer the Mark Master's, Past Master's and Most Excellent Master's degrees upon all candidates previous to their being exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Masons, or admitted to Membership.

"The Convention elected Grand Officers, and then adjourned until the 2nd day of April, 1857, when they again met, according to adjournment, in said city of Hamilton, and the Grand Officers were properly installed by Companion Jones, Past Grand High Priest of Michigan. Companion Wm. M. Wilson was installed Grand High Priest, and Companion Thomas B. Harris, Grand Secretary. So far as I am capable of judging, or it is in my power to ascertain, the entire proceedings of said Convention were correct and regular, and in strict conformity with the usages of the Royal Craft, and entitled to full faith and credit, both here and elsewhere. We therefore cheerfully extend to her the right hand of fellowship, and bid her God speed in her career of usefulness.

"For the purpose of opening a full and free communication with the Grand Chapter of Canada, we submit resolution No. 3, and recommend its adoption.

"No. 3. **RESOLVED**,—That the Grand Chapter of Texas hails with delight the organisation of an independent Grand Chapter in Canada, and hereby instructs her Grand Secretary to enroll said Grand Chapter amongst the list of Grand Chapters in correspondence with this Grand Body, and forward to her the usual number of our printed proceedings."

VERMONT.

"Your Committee fully adopt the views of the G. H. P. touching the subject of R. A. Masonry in Canada, and recommend that the officers of this Grand Chapter give the Grand Chapter of Canada such recognition and welcome to our fellowship as becomes a true Masonic brotherhood.

"And we recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:—

"**RESOLVED**,—That this Grand Chapter recognise the Grand Chapter of Canada as being legally constituted, and direct the Officers of this Grand Chapter to correspond with and acknowledge them as such; also, that the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby directed, to forward copies of this resolution to the Grand High Priest of Canada."

Your Committee feel that they cannot better occupy the attention of Grand Chapter than by reading the qualifications and requirements a M. M. should possess before he is advanced to the Chapter degrees, from the pen of Companion Albert Pike, and taken from the report of Foreign Correspondence to the Grand Chapter of California :—

“ It is not, they say, every M. Mason that is fitted to become a R. A. M., and to have intrusted to his keeping, those profound mysteries in regard to the Deity, the universe, and the soul of man, which are enveloped by the symbolism of the Royal Arch Degrees. * * * His *qualifications* must be the test of admission.

“ He should have connected himself with, and be as much as possible, a regular attendant of some Lodge, to encourage other Masons to exertion, and to bear his share of the common burden. He should have proven, by frequent intercourse with his Brethren, that ‘ he is not captious, easy to take offense, suspicious, illiberal, intolerant, given to much talking, pragmatical or overbearing, nor yet to yielding or facile to do unflinchingly what is right : ’ for they say, ‘ if he be any of these, he is not worthy to become a R. A. Mason. ’ He should, also, have proven that he is not penurious in contributing to the necessities of his Brethren, or the advancement of the purposes of the Order ; and, also, that he is possessed of such a vigor and cultivation of intellect, as to understand and appreciate the sublime truths taught by R. A. Masonry.

“ In alluding to the law of their jurisdiction, requiring candidates for the Chapter degrees, to be M. Masons of twelve months standing, previous to receiving the Degrees, they differ in opinion with the G. H. P., who entertained the view that proficiency, and not time, should be the sole pre-requisite ; and they urge, that, though in some instances, proficiency does not arrive with time, yet that, by requiring candidates to wait a certain length of time, the opportunity of improvement is afforded to them which, if they do not profit by, they are unworthy to advance. Besides, the lapse of time admits of observation, as to whether the candidate possesses the other requirements of life, conduct, and conversation, so indispensably necessary, and which no examination in open Chapter, no matter how scrutinously conducted could disclose. In concluding the subject they say :

“ Make the conferring of these Degrees a mere matter of course, give them without previous preparation or delay, as if they required no preparatory Masonic culture and intellectual exercise in the science of Symbolism, and let every body have them for the asking, and you may make them so cheap that the veriest beggar would scarcely stoop to pick them from the gutter. Let

us, on the contrary, assert and maintain their almost priceless value, the magnitude and glory of the truths they embody, and the high degree of mental and moral tone which they require as a pre-requisite; and to be a Royal Arch Mason may some day hereafter, be what it was thirty years ago, when it was an honor and rank to which none but the mature in age, and the eminent in character and intellect attained; and the jewels of the Chapter were not flung heedlessly and lavishly to any who would condescend to accept them, and pay the legal fee."

"What an admirable summary of the requisites which should combine together to form a perfect candidate for the more exalted mysteries of this branch of our Order! How little could be spared from the detail! How great the advantages to be derived by an adherence to such requirements; and yet it will be asked, 'are these tests, or such as these, usually, or even ever applied to the neophyte at our outer portals?' The response would, alas, be too frequently in the negative. We are too eager to receive laborers into the vineyard—to fill the quarries with unskilful and inefficient workmen—to induct into the mysteries of the Chair, those upon whom the mantle of such as preceded them therein, would sit as the robes of a giant upon the pigmy form of a dwarf. To receive and acknowledge such as Excellent Masters, where there is no excellence, save that, perhaps, of the gratification of a morbid curiosity, or a more selfish ambition, and finally to confer upon, as a chosen few, all the light which symbolic Masonry can grant, even to her most devoted and well-deserving votaries."

Before concluding, your Committee would remark that their attention has been directed to a sentence in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois, to the following effect:—

"Your Committee would fraternally suggest to our esteemed "Companions in Canada, whether it would not be as well, or better, "for them to conform the names of their officers to those in the "United States. It would be pleasant to the Grand Chapters "through the Union if this could be consistently done."

There is little doubt but that the more closely and uniformly the working of the Royal Craft can be assimilated the better for the Order; but believing, as we do, that our Companions in the United States took upon themselves at some period to change the names of the three chief or presiding officers, and to reverse their original position, have themselves departed from the true work as introduced and given to them by their forefathers. This fact can be easily ascertained by reference to many old documents still

extant. We need not go further back than 1798, the year in which the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania was organised; for, by the Constitution unanimously adopted for her government, the presiding officers were designated Z. H. J., as may be seen from the following:

"Rules and Regulations for the government of the Grand
"Royal Arch Chapter, held under the protection of, and supported
"by, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, unanimously agreed to
"and established at a Grand Chapter held in Philadelphia,
"February 24th, 1798, and confirmed in Grand Lodge March 5th,
"1798."

It commences by setting forth "that Ancient Masonry consists of four degrees—the three first of which are that of E.A., the F.C., and the sublime degree of Master, and the fourth, the Holy Royal Arch." Your Committee have no desire to trespass so much on the patience of Grand Chapter as to wade them through the whole of the Laws and Regulations then agreed upon, but will at once pass on to Art. 7, which says,—

"That on the admission of a new brother the form of the return to the general Grand Chapter shall be as follows:

"We the three Chiefs whose names are hereunto subscribed do certify that in a Chapter of the H. R. A. convened and held under the sanction and authority of the warrant of the Worshipful Lodge No.—, our beloved brothers, A B., C D., E F., and G H., having delivered to us the proper certificates, and proved themselves, by due examination, to be well qualified in all the three degrees of Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, and to have passed the chair, were by us admitted to the supreme degree of Excellent Royal Arch Masons.

"Given under our hands and the seal of our Chapter this— day of— in the year of Masonry 57—, and in the year of our Lord —,"

[L. S.]	$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{A.} \\ \text{B.} \\ \text{C.} \end{array} \right\}$	$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Z.} \\ \text{H.} \\ \text{J.} \end{array} \right\} \text{Chiefs.}$
		<i>Scribe.</i>

Your Committee do not see how they can consistently recommend a change in our present system, and they would strongly urge upon our Companions in Illinois to examine this question, and if they find we are correct in the work we have adopted, they will be induced to restore the Royal Craft to its ancient purity.

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We hope, however, under all circumstances our Companions will give us credit for adhering to the first pure system of Royal Arch Masonry, as first introduced both to the United States and Canada, it is also the same as acknowledged by England, Scotland and Ireland, our mother Grand Chapters, from whence it was first brought over to America.

THOS. B. HARRIS, *Chairman.*

It was moved by E. Companion J. K. Brown, seconded by E. Comp. Thomas Francis, and adopted,—

That the Report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received and printed with the proceedings of Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 6.30 P.M.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sitting at 7 o'clock, P.M.

The Grand Principals on the Throne.

Officers, Members and Representatives.

The Special Committee appointed on the Address of the Most Excellent Z. submitted the following

REPORT:

To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Right Excellent H. and J. and Excellent Companions, in Grand Convocation assembled.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Address of the M.E. Grand Z., are happy to learn the great increase of the number of Chapters and the prosperous condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Canada.

The Committee freely concur in the decision given on the application to revive a dormant Chapter in Brockville.

The recognition of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland affords another proof of the cordial feeling entertained on all occasions by the Companions under that jurisdiction, and the Committee highly approve of the appointment of R. E. Comp. Furnell, as our Representative at the Grand Chapter of Ireland,

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and the intimation that R. E. Comp. Tully, would be acceptable as their Representative at this Grand Chapter.

The Committee hope that from the reasons stated in the address—the Grand Chapters of England and Scotland will soon extend the same cordial recognition to this Grand Chapter, which has been received from the Grand Chapter of Ireland.

The recognition and friendly communication received from several Grand Chapters of the United States is a source of great satisfaction to this Grand Chapter, and your Committee suggest, that due acknowledgement be forwarded by the Grand Scribe, E., with copies of our proceedings to the aforesaid Grand Chapters.

The recommendation of the Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois in reference to uniformity of work is worthy of the serious consideration of this Grand Chapter, but in the opinion of your Committee no argument has been advanced sufficient to induce a change in the designation of Officers.

The importance of uniformity of work in this jurisdiction must be apparent to every Companion, and it is highly desirable that the ritual should be defined without delay.

Respecting the difficulty which has arisen in relation to a Companion who has not been installed as a 2nd or 3rd Principal, acting as such in a private Chapter, during the absence of the regularly installed Principals, your Committee cannot recommend any alteration in the Constitution as now understood.

Your Committee express much regret that it is the wish of the Grand Principal, Z., to retire from the active duties of office, feeling that the government of Royal Arch Masonry could not have been entrusted in more zealous hands; and your Committee cannot close this Report without stating, that in their opinion the thanks of this Grand Chapter are justly due to the M.E. Grand Z. for the untiring zeal displayed and eminent services rendered to Royal Arch Masonry during his term of office.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. C. FRANCK.

On motion of E. Comp. Francis, seconded by E. Companion Heathfield, the Report from the Special Committee on Address was received and adopted.

R. E. Companion Thomas D. Harington, on behalf of the Committee appointed by the Grand Chapter, for the purpose of agreeing on an uniform ritual, proceeded with the exemplification of the Mark Degree.

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It was moved by E. Comp. Daniell, seconded by E. Comp. Francis, and unanimously adopted,—

That the ritual for the Mark Degree, as just now exemplified, be the authorised work as acknowledged by this Grand Chapter.

It was moved by E. Companion F. Richardson, seconded by R. E. Comp. James Moffatt, and adopted,—

That the further consideration of the ritual for the Past and Most Excellent Masters' degrees be postponed till to-morrow morning, and to be considered the first business in order.

The Most Excellent Z. appointed E. Comps. S. B. Harman, James Daniell and William Daniell, as scrutineers for examining the ballots for the election of Grand Officers.

The election of Grand Officers for the ensuing Masonic term was proceeded with.

The following Companions were declared duly elected :—

M.E. Comp. T. Douglas Harington, Grand Z.	
R. E. " Samuel D. Fowler,	" H.
" " " James Moffat,	" J.
" " " Thos. Bird Harris,	" Scribe, E.
" " " Samuel B. Harman,	" " N.
" " " Alfred A. Campbell,	" P. Sojourner.
" " " Wm. Bellhouse,	" Treasurer.

By an open vote of the Grand Chapter,
Comp. Thomas McMullin, " Janitor.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

By the Chapters of their respective Districts, which the M. E. Z. was pleased to confirm :

R.E. Comp. James Daniell, Grand Supt. London District.	
" " " John R. Holden, " " Hamilton "	
" " " F. Richardson, " " Toronto "	
" " " John C. Franck, " " Central "	
" " " Elisha Gustin, " " Eastern Townships "	

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 8.30 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, 17th February, 1859.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sitting at 8.30 o'clock, A.M.

The Grand Principals on the Throne.

Officers, Members and Representatives.

The Officers elect present were regularly installed, and proclaimed in due form.

It was moved by E. Comp. Franck, seconded by E. Comp. S. B. Harman, and unanimously adopted,—

That the thanks of the visiting Companions attending this Grand Chapter are due and are hereby tendered to the Companions of the Chapters in this City, for the hospitable manner in which they were received and entertained during the present session.

On motion, it was unanimously

RESOLVED,—

That the next regular Convocation of this Grand Chapter be held in the City of London, subject, nevertheless, to the action of the Grand Lodge of Canada selecting the same place for its Annual Communication in A.D. 1860.

It was, on motion,

RESOLVED,—

That the sum of Two Dollars be paid to the Grand Janitor.

It was moved by R. E. Companion Kivas Tully, seconded by R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, and unanimously adopted,

That the rank of a Past Grand Superintendent in this Grand Chapter be accorded to R. E. Comp. Michael Furnell, the Representative of this Grand Chapter at the Grand Chapter of Ireland.

On motion of R.E. Comp. Kivas Tully, seconded by E. Comp. Samuel B. Harman,

IT WAS RESOLVED,—

That the sum of two hundred dollars be granted to R.E.Comp. the Grand Scribe, E., when sufficient funds are in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, as a remuneration of his services since the Grand Chapter has been established to the present time.

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It was moved by R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, seconded by M. E. Companion Harington, and unanimously

RESOLVED,—

That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be offered to the M.E. Grand Chapter of the State of Maine, for their kind consideration in forwarding copies of their proceedings for many years' past, with the assurance that this early mark of courtesy will be fully appreciated.

The M. E. Grand Z. was pleased to make the following appointments to offices for the ensuing Masonic term :—

V.E. Comp.	William G. Storm,	Grand 1st Assistant Sojourner.
" "	Alexander M. Munro,	" 2nd " "
" "	Henry Rowsell,	" Sword Bearer.
" "	John F. McCuaig,	" Director of Ceremonies.
" "	M. Francis Shaler,	" Standard Bearer.
" "	Edwin Heathfield,	" Organist.
" "	Jeremiah Taylor,	" Pursuivant.
" "	John K. Brown,	} Stewards.
" "	George F. LaSerre,	
" "	John Keary,	
" "	Frederick W. Alport,	
" "	C. Pollock,	"

The labors of the Grand Chapter being finished, it was closed in *ample* form, with solemn prayer.

[ATTEST.]



THOS. B. HARRIS,

G. Scribe, E.

RETURNS

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SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS,

RENDERED 31ST JANUARY, A.D., 1859.

ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAPTER—KINGSTON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1797.

Stated Meeting—Third Tuesday in every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	John Kerr,	Z.
" "	George F. La Serre,	H.
" "	James Hill Rowan,	J.
R. " "	S. D. Fowler,	Scribe, E.

MEMBERS.

James Alexander Henderson,	William Ferguson,
Maxwell William Strange,	Thomas Aishton,
John Patterson,	James Wilson,
Isaac Hope,	George Matheson Kinghorn,
Richard Scobell,	Hugh Fraser,
James Fitzgibbon,	John Flanagan,
James George Fortier,	David Fraser,
Ellery Wanzer Palmer,	William Fletcher Paterson,
Wm. Jas. Bury McLeod Moore,	John Boyes,
William Keely,	Hiram Orlands Hitchcock,
John Robb,	William Benjamin Simpson,
Richard Bunt,	Cornelius Stenson,
James Salmon,	Edward Henry Parker,
John Alexander Macdonald,	Joel P. Millener,
Archibald John Macdonell,	Francis Milo,
Thomas Jenkin Angel,	Thomas Douglas Harington.

B. HARRIS,

G. Scribe, E.

THE HIRAM CHAPTER—HAMILTON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1820.

Stated Meeting—First Monday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	William Bellhouse,	Z.
" "	Jeremiah Taylor,	H.
" "	Saml. G. Patton,	J.
" "	William Irwin, Scribe,	E.

MEMBERS.

Robert Jarvis Hamilton,
 Thomas Duggan,
 John Morrison,
 John Rose Holden,
 William F. Murray,
 N. Ford,
 Joseph B. Mathews,
 Charles Kelly,
 Charles Magill,
 Charles A. Sadleir,
 John Osborne,
 Henry John Garrett,
 Henry Langdon,
 Edmund Kelly,
 John Harris,
 John W. Kerr,
 R. A. Woodcock,
 John W. Baine,
 Dwight Benedict,
 Edwin Henwood,
 John Austin,
 Henry Grist,
 Malcom Cameron,
 James Smith,
 John F. McCuaig,
 William M. Wilson,

James D. Law,
 James Riddel,
 James M. Rogerson,
 Isaac C. Chilman,
 John McKewen,
 John B. Ellison,
 John Patterson,
 George W. Whithead,
 Henry Hack,
 William T. Thomas,
 James Miller,
 Richard W. Thorn,
 Wil' am Allan Harley,
 George Wright,
 William W. Summers,
 Harcourt B. Bull,
 Hugh M. Melville,
 Norman Booth,
 John King,
 Henry Crouse,
 Charles R. Winter,
 Sigismond Drey,
 Joseph Faulknor,
 Thomas Rolston,
 John McIntyre.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER—LONDON.

ESTABLISHED—1844.

Stated Meeting—[No Return.]

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	Thomas Francis,	Z.
" " "	John Keary,	J.
"	A. S. Abbott, Scribe,	E.

MEMBERS.

William Wall Gray,	Thomas D. Warren,
Robert Abernathey,	Robert McCullogh,
Henry Groves,	Thomas B. Robb,
Alexander Gordon,	Thomas Allan,
Duncan McKenzie,	William Daniell,
Thompson Wilson,	John J. McKenzie,
James Daniell,	Duncan McGaskin,
Thomas Scatcherd,	James Moffatt,
George W. Harper,	Edward Garratt,
Joseph F. Rolfe,	John Brown,
James M. Bennett,	Dugald McInnis,
William Gordon,	Donald McDonald,
Donald McKenzie,	Philip T. Worthington,
E. J. Parke,	William Muir,
P. J. Dunn,	Timothy H. Buckley,
William Moore,	George Taylor,
Alfred G. Smyth,	William C. L. Gill,
Frederick Limprecht,	George Parkins,
Mark Burgess,	James McFadden,
Thomas F. McMullen,	William T. O'Reilly.

ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER—TORONTO.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1847.

Stated Meetings—Third Wednesday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	Samuel B. Harman,	Z.
" " "	William M. Jamieson,	H.
" " "	N. Bethune,	J.
"	Wm. F. McMaster, Scribe,	E.

MEMBERS.

Thomas Gibbs Ridout,	William A. Campbell,
Francis Richardson.	Duncan McDonell.
Nathan Gatchell,	John Tully,

MEMBERS—[CONTINUED.]

Stedman B. Campbell,	James Henderson,
Æmelius Irving,	Thomas Ridout,
John Sommerville.	John Tuthill Parker.
Frederick William Barron.	George Stephen Jones,
Rice Lewis,	Thomas Turner Roe,
George B. Spencer,	James J. Vance,
Donald McDonald,	George Allan Barnard,
Richard Samuel Denoird.	David Alderdice,
Lewis Langstaff,	George H. Wyatt,
William Purdy,	George Frederick Hayter,
Andrew Drummond,	Frederick Wm. Cumberland,
William M. Jamieson.	James Charles Small,
Walter Gorham,	John Blackburn,
Robert Maitland,	Arthur Hill.
Charles J. Harmoth,	Henry Rowsell,
William George Storm,	Richard A. Hoskins,
James Young,	Joseph Thomas Kerby,
Francis Shanly,	Lawrence H. Shortt,
Wm. McGivern Steers,	John Bradford Cherriman,
Bartholomew Gibbings,	William C. Chewitt,
Marcus Rossin,	John George Howard,
Jacob W. Ezekiel,	Alfred Hiram Coulson,
William Bone Clarke,	Christopher Burrill,
Joseph Szephazy,	Thomas John Burrill,
John Clarke,	John Huston Richey,
Thomas McConkey,	Alexander J. Cambie,
Joseph Rogerson,	John Boyd,
Alfred Brunell,	Robert Alexander Harrison,
John McGee,	Azro Russell,
James Edwin Ellis,	Thomas Hodgins,
Edward M. Carruthers,	David J. Curtis,
Herman Poetter,	Reginald Henwood,
— Flesher,	Henry Chas. J. Q. St. George,
Thomas C. Prosser,	Richard Snelling,
William Sladden,	James Jackson,
William Robert Harris,	Wm. McMaster,
Charles Thompson,	John Paterson,
Edward R. O'Brien,	Abraham Nordheimer,
William Henry Pardy,	Donough O'Brien.
William Henry Stanton,	

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ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER—LONDON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1854.

Stated Meeting—Fourth Friday in Feb., May, August and Sept.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Comp.	Thompson Wilson,	Z.
V. " "	John K. Brown,	H.
" " "	Edwin Heathfield,	J.
"	Thomas Mackie, Scribe,	E.

MEMBERS.

James M. Bennett,	John C. Cottrell,
Alfred G. Smyth,	Charles L. Davies,
Ephraim J. Park,	Thomas Haskett,
Thomas McMullen,	Edwin F. Bostwick,
Patrick J. Dunn,	George B. Scott,
Anslom C. Hammond,	Wilson Mills,
Francis W. Thomas,	John Harrison,
John B. Smyth,	William F. Hardy.
Richard R. Grindley,	James H. Flock.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER—HAMILTON.

ESTABLISHED—1855.

Stated Meeting—Second Thursday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R.E. Comp.	Thomas Bird Harris,	Z.
" " "	William C. Stephens,	H.
V. " "	M. F. Shaler,	J.
"	Thos. McCracken, Scribe,	E.

MEMBERS.

John R. Holden,	Jno. W. Murton,
Thomas Duggan,	Walter D. Galbreaith,
Henry Langdon,	Jacob Chase,
Charles Magill,	Thomas C. Sterling,
William Irwin,	Benjamin Jones,
W. A. Harley,	Michael Ruttle,
Jno. F. McCuaig,	W. A. Fergusson,
Jos. B. Mathews,	Norris T. Birely,
David Chalmers,	George T. Malcolmson,
Curtis S. Chittenden,	Emmett A. McElroy,
Hubbard Davis,	A. T. H. Ball.

MOIRA CHAPTER—BELLEVILLE.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1856.

Stated Meeting—First Tuesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	Alfred A. Campbell,	Z.
" "	Frederick W. Alport,	H.
" "	Wm. H. Ponton,	J.
" "	Archd. Dunlop, Scribe,	E.

MEMBERS.

Samuel D. Fowler,	Thos. Douglas Harington,
Thomas Jenkin Angel,	James H. Rowan,
Jas. Alexander Henderson,	Phil. Lorenger, Scovill,
Jno. Charles Franck,	Byron Cleveland Scoville,
Samuel Staples, Fenden,	Barnard Conlan,
Everitt Hastings Coleman,	George Graham,
James Whiteford,	Edward George Bull,
Andrew Ball Elmer,	Edward Murney,
James Geen,	Charles Frederick Pelletier,
Luther S. Jenison,	James Plummer Morden,
William Patrick Wilson,	Jno. Alexander McInnes.
Lewis Grant,	— Moore,
Amos S. Bristol,	William Smart.

KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER—TORONTO.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1857.

Stated Meeting—Third Tuesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V.E. Comp.	S. B. Campbell,	Z.
" " "	J. E. Smith,	H.
" " "	A. M. Munro,	J.
" "	J. H. Pattison, Scribe,	E.

MEMBERS.

Kivas Tully,	William W. Winfield,
Joseph Hodgson,	John Leys,
George L. Allen,	Joseph Smelser,

MEMBERS—[CONTINUED.]

Joseph A. Fisher,	Alexander McPhie,
William C. Morrison,	James Adams,
Thomas Sauter,	Charles S. Plumb,
William H. Miller,	Daniel Deforest,
Thomas Lamb,	Isaac Boulton Taylor,
Henry B. Bostwick,	Daniel Morrison,
William J. L'Estage,	Daniel Spry,
John Hill,	James Cooper,
Richard Arnold,	James McMullen,
Samuel Behrand,	George W. Armstrong,
Charles Pollock,	Thomas Booth,
William Johnston,	Oliver Gable,
John H. Seels,	John Harvie,
Hugh McDonald,	Lawrence L. Levey,
Walter Telfer Kidd,	John Walker,
William Arthurs,	William Henry Edmonds.

GOLDEN RULE CHAPTER—STANSTEAD.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1858.

Stated Meeting—Tuesday on or before full moon, in March, June, September and December.

OFFICERS.

R.E. Comp.	Elisha Gustin,	Z.
" "	Ezra B. Rider,	H.
" "	Joseph Wooley,	J.
" "	H. J. Martin, Scribe,	E.

MEMBERS.

William Verbeck,	Eliphalit B. Gustin,
Andrew Bodwell,	William B. Colby,
Franklin Mack,	William Farwell, Jr.
Eliphalit Bodwell,	Cyrus E. Stearns,
Chauncy Bullock,	Charles H. Kathan,
Michael Mitchell,	Jedidiah H. Baxter,
Rev. Joseph Scott,	William S. Foster.
L. F. Warner,	

KILWINNING CHAPTER—LONDON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1858.

Stated Meeting—First Monday in February, May, Aug. and Nov.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	William Muir,	Z.
R. “	“ William Daniell,	H.
“	“ Philip T. Worthington, J.	
“	“ W.G. Chambers, Scribe, E.	

MEMBERS.

James Daniell,	Thompson Wilson,
William C. L. Gill,	Charles L. Davies,
Dougald McInnes,	John Dutton,
John Harrison,	St. George Caulfield,
Donald McDonald,	George Masson,
Andrew McCormick,	Daniel Gilbert Miller.
Thomas Frederick McMullen,	

WILSON CHAPTER—WINDSOR.

(UNDER DISPENSATION.)

Stated Meeting—First Monday of every month.

OFFICERS ELECT.

E. Comp.	John C. Thompson,	Z.
“	“ William Cowan,	H.
“	“ C. S. Mott,	J.

MEMBERS.

J. H. Armstrong,	J. B. Staring,
W. Davis,	Frederick Egan,
A. G. A. Constable,	E. Davis,
N. P. Jacobs,	Thompson Wilson,
Thomas Hurst,	William Daniell.

LIST OF THE GRAND OFFICERS

OF THE

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1859 & '60.

M. E. Comp.	T. Douglas Harington,	Grand Z.
R. E.	Samuel D. Fowler,	H.
" "	James Moffatt,	J.
" "	James Daniell,	Grand Supt. London District.
" "	John R. Holden,	Hamilton "
" "	F. Richardson,	Toronto "
" "	John C. Franck,	Central "
" "	Elisha Gustin,	Eastern Townships "
" "	Thomas Bird Harris,	Grand Scribe, E.
" "	Samuel B. Harman,	" " N.
" "	Alfred A. Campbell,	Principal Sojourner.
" "	William Bellhouse,	Treasurer.
V.E.	Wm. G. Storm,	1st Assistant Sojourner.
" "	Alexander M. Munro,	2nd " "
" "	Henry Rowsell,	Sword Bearer.
" "	John F. McCuaig,	Director of Ceremonies.
" "	M. Francis Shaler,	Standard Bearer.
" "	Edwin Heathfield,	Organist.
" "	Jeremiah Taylor,	Pursuivant.
" "	Thomas McMullin,	Janitor.
" "	John K. Brown,	} Stewards.
" "	George F. LaSerre,	
" "	John Keary,	
" "	Frederick W. Alport,	
" "	C. Pollock,	

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AND THE

ADDRESS OF GRAND SECRETARIES.

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Arkansas,	A. S. Huey,	Little Rock.
California,	Geo. J. N. Monell,	Sacramento.
Connecticut,	E. G. Storer,	New Haven.
Florida,	John B. Taylor,	Tallahassee.
Georgia,	B. B. Russell,	Augusta.
Indiana,	Francis King,	Indianapolis.
Illinois,	H. G. Reynolds,	Springfield.
Iowa,	D. S. Warren,	Iowa City.
Kentucky,	Philip Swigert,	Frankfort.
Louisiana,	Samuel G. Risk,	New Orleans.
Maine,	Ira Berry,	Portland.
Maryland,	Jos. Robinson,	Baltimore.
Massachusetts,	Thos. Waterman,	Boston.
Michigan,	R. S. Cheeney,	Jackson.
Mississippi,	R. W. T. Daniel,	Jackson.
Missouri,	A. O'Sullivan,	St. Louis.
New Hampshire,	Horace Chace,	Hopkinton.
New Jersey,	Ferdinand Brother, ...	New Brunswick.
New York,	John O. Cole,	Albany.
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Ohio,	Jno. D. Caldwell,	Cincinnati.
Pennsylvania,	Wm. H. Adams,	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island,	W. G. Barker,	Providence.
South Carolina,	Ebenezer Thayer,	Charleston.
Tennessee,	C. A. Fuller,	Nashville.
Texas,	James M. Hall,	Crockett.
Vermont,	John B. Hollenbeck, ...	Burlington.
Virginia,	John Dove, M.D.,	Richmond.
Wisconsin,	Dr. John W. Hunt, ...	Madison.

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